

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Budget Day Ahead

BUDGET Day in Hongkong arrives in three weeks' time, but so far as it is possible to assess prospects, there is little reason to believe that it will produce anything sensational or extraordinary. The Colony's finances have remained outstandingly buoyant during a year of marked commercial recession, and monthly progress figures to date strongly suggest that the Financial Secretary will be able to announce a larger surplus for the year ending March 31 than his estimated \$20 millions—a financial "miracle" which has now become commonplace in Hongkong. Nonetheless, if there does happen to be something in excess of the estimated surplus, congratulations to the keepers of the Colony's money chest will still be in order. Moreover, we trust it will enable the Financial Secretary to repeat the sigh of relief which he expressed a year ago when he announced that no additional taxation was contemplated.

WHEN he introduced last year's Estimates, the Hon Arthur Clarke warned that possibly a large chunk of his anticipated surplus would disappear if, in the first place, the Secretary of State approved of recommendations for a revision of Government HOL allowances and they became retroactive, and secondly, if any definite agreement and financial commitment were reached concerning the Queen's Road military lands. In the event, neither contingency has eventuated during the current fiscal year. Indeed, the only unforeseen expenditure—extraordinary with which the Treasury has been saddled was created by the disastrous Shamshui fire, and while this calls for an emergency charge against revenue, it is not of sufficient proportion to upset the surplus accumulated during the year. Thus we imagine the Financial Secretary will have some comforting figures to present for the twelve months just about to end, and that he will be able to show the Colony's finances are healthier today than they have ever been.

PRINCIPAL interest, naturally, will be concentrated on his budgetary proposals for the fiscal year ahead. Undoubtedly he will have to provide for increased expenditure to meet revised salaries, and conceivably negotiations are proceeding over the military lands and may well reach fruition this year, requiring some sort of provision from revenue. Also on the horizon is the question of the new airport—an undertaking which is bound, in due course, to involve the Colony in a considerable amount of expenditure. There is, in fact, some formidable financing to be faced in the future, but we do not believe it necessitates extra taxation—certainly not during the year ahead. We have resources other than current revenue to help finance projects which are intended to benefit posterity as well as the Colony of today, and where possible, these resources should be judiciously utilised rather than thrust new burdens on the taxpayers by means of extra levies, either direct or indirect. The Colony has weathered twelve months of trade recession remarkably well, but there are still no positive signs that better and brighter days are around the corner. This must be borne in mind by Government if it should, by any means, be contemplating new taxation measures.

TRADE AGREEMENT DEBATE:

Opposition's Motion Defeated 296-265 LANCASHIRE THREATENED SAYS HAROLD WILSON

London, Feb. 10.

The House of Commons tonight, by a majority of 31, rejected a Labour Opposition motion seeking to criticise the Government over the recent £400,000,000 Anglo-Japanese trade and payments agreement. It voted 296 to 265 against the motion, which complained that the Government entered into the pact without first consulting British industries concerned.

The motion also complained that it did not make certain that Japanese exporters would "not revert to previous unfair trade practices." The Commons then agreed, by 297 to 258, a Government majority of 39, to a motion moved by Conservative back benches welcoming the Government's action.

The motion acknowledged the "sense of responsibility and impartiality" the Government has shown to the nation and the colonies in taking its decision.

But while recognising that "advantages would accrue to trade of the Empire," the motion urged that any further arrangements should provide such safeguards of the interests of the textile industry as the experience of the coming year might show to be necessary.

Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, said the case in favour of the agreement was "devastating."

There had been a long period when Japan was running a very substantial surplus but now she had a deficit of £100,000,000.

If the Government had not gone ahead with the agreement, Japan would have bought less from the sterling area and from Britain.

Also it would not have been the best way to encourage Japan to "come into the Western comity of nations."

Mr Harold Wilson moving the Opposition motion, appealed to members to avoid giving any expression to "national or racial feelings."

Mr Wilson said it was inevitable when Anglo-Japanese relations were debated that there was a danger of feelings being roused by thoughts of Japanese behaviour before and during the war.

He looked at this debate, he said, as a straight question of economic dealings.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr Sunichi Matsumoto, was in the diplomatic gallery to listen to the debate. Mr Wilson said the opposition accepted the fact that Japanese payments were "a mess."

Nobody wanted to balance world trade at a low level of restricted imports and exports.

The Opposition's indictment of the Government, he said, was for its "failure to consult Lancashire, the big cotton district, before the agreement was signed."

Mr Wilson, President of the Board of Trade in the last Labour Government, represents a Lancashire constituency in the House of Commons.

Mr Wilson recalled that despite pressure from other countries, Britain under the Labour Government, refused to give most favoured nation treatment to Japan.

He was glad the Conservative Government had also refused to give it. But unlike the Labour Government, the Conservative had not kept in close touch with the cotton industry, he said.

Mr Wilson contended that the agreement should not have been concluded until there were alternative guarantees against a revival of unfair practice by Japanese exporters. He recalled Japanese practices before the war and said they were being revived.

He quoted from the report of an economic survey in which a British official in Tokyo referred to the "growing number of imitations of British textile designs." The official had stated that the infringements of design would increase.

Mr Wilson wanted to know what protection British manufacturers had against poor quality Japanese imports.

He said he realised Lancashire must be prepared to face natural and fair trade in the colonies. He could have made the point of lower wage standards in Japan, he said, but against that was the improvement in the trade union movement for the Japanese worker.

Mr Wilson said: "We know that the United States, who have

always put a lot of pressure on other Governments to accept a favourable amount of Japanese imports, will allow hardly any on to their own markets."

The result of these closed American markets is that competition is more violent in the colonial markets.

"It will be not only abnormally strong but actually unfair in that Japanese exporters are dumping their products on markets including the colonies, making use of a dual price system," he said.

Mr Wilson asked what guarantees the Government had obtained against Japanese dumping.

He declared that Japan had enjoyed a spending spree following "monstrous" inflation, brought about partly by American spending in Japan, and added: "Now Lancashire is asked to help them out."

Mr Wilson asked if the "reputable increase" in Japan's purchases of wool from Australia meant that Britain's Yorkshire wool industry would soon be facing violent Japanese competition.

The colonies and Lancashire were being asked to pay for Japan's excessive imports of Australian wool. Already Lancashire orders for East Africa had come to a full stop.

The Japanese are overjoyed by this agreement, Mr Wilson said.

It would save Japan dollars—of which she has an abundance—and trade within the Commonwealth was being reduced to bear the brunt of the agreement.

Threatening Letter Sent To Eisenhower

Philadelphia, Feb. 10. Max Zalles, 32-year-old taxicab driver, was arrested today on a charge of threatening the life of President Eisenhower in a letter to the White House.

Zalles was held in \$2,500 bail for further hearing. Tomorrow after Secret Service agents said he sent a similar threat to President Harry Truman during the Truman administration.

The Secret Service agents said the 20-page, single-spaced, typewritten letter, mailed by Zalles "not long ago," listed in detail his plans for settling all the world's problems including aggressive action against the Kremlin.

"I have every intention of getting you and everyone involved in one way or another except those who have met their Maker," said the letter. "Apparently I have no recourse but to threaten you. Anyone who could afford to ignore what I have offered in the name of national welfare can go to hell."

The government declined to prosecute Zalles on the charge of threatening Mr Truman several years ago.—United Press.

WHY HE MURDERED AGED POET

New York, Feb. 10.

Harold Weinberg, 25-year-old former mental patient, confessed today that he killed Maxwell Bodenheim when the jazz poet objected to Weinberg's love-making with 35-year-old Mrs Bodenheim.

Weinberg claimed that Mrs Bodenheim was agreeable to his love-making but turned on him after he killed her husband, so he stabbed her to death.

A scar-faced ex-convict, Weinberg said he met the poet's wife in Greenwich Village only last Saturday. The poet's wife and his attractive third wife Ruth said they had been sleeping in doorways for the past several nights.

Weinberg offered to give them a place to sleep. The three of them went to Weinberg's tiny furnished room, which he rented for \$1 a week. The 50-year-old Bodenheim objected, he said, when he proposed making love to Mrs Bodenheim.

He shot Bodenheim with a .22 calibre rifle, Weinberg said. Then Mrs Bodenheim attacked him. He stabbed her with a knife, police quoted him as saying, then beat her.

Thus Bodenheim, an advocate of free love whose cold indifference drove two young girls poets to suicide in his heyday, died arguing about the proprieties, Weinberg said.—United Press.

Renouncing Citizenship

London, Feb. 10.

Oona O'Neill Chaplin, wife of British-born Charlie Chaplin who has been barred from the United States, tonight announced that she is renouncing her American citizenship to become a British subject.

Mrs Chaplin, whose playwright father Eugene O'Neill died recently in the United States, arrived by plane today from Geneva and said she would appear at the American Embassy tomorrow to give up her United States citizenship. The comedian accompanied his wife.

"I am renouncing my United States citizenship," said Mrs Chaplin. "I have taken out a British passport."

Mrs Chaplin was refused a re-entry permit to the United States under provisions of the McCarran Act, which bars those who have been deported from re-entry to the United States.



Molotov's Proposals Flatly Rejected

Berlin, Feb. 10.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, today bluntly told the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, that Britain would never abandon her participation in the North Atlantic Organisation which, he declared, was the foundation stone of British policy.

Flatly rejecting, with the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, Mr Molotov's proposals for a 50-year European security treaty and the evacuation of Germany by occupation troops, Mr Eden called the Soviet proposal a new Monroe Doctrine for Europe.

Mr Eden told Mr Molotov that nations other than the USSR, to NATO was not an exclusive answer. To that extent the United States was interested.

Mr Dulles said that the proposal to evacuate Germany was, in substance, identical to what the Soviet delegation had already proposed before. He recalled the fact that the pact of mutual assistance signed between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and Soviet Russia in 1939 "strictly stipulated the inviolability of the sovereignty of the signatory states."

Mr Dulles added: "What quickly happened to these three countries has gone on and on, and has created the division to which Mr Molotov refers." The French Foreign Minister also flatly turned down the Soviet proposals but, at the same time, said that the collective security of Europe would be perfectly acceptable if it did not rule out other arrangements of a defensive character.—France-Press.

Joining Mr Eden in stating that the Molotov proposal called for abandonment of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, Mr Dulles refuted the Soviet Foreign Minister's suggestion that American participation in European defence had caused the division of Europe.

The division, continued Mr Dulles, went back "to the date when Soviet control, initially confined to the Soviet Union itself, was extended to a vast area which now includes one-third of the human race."

US NOT OFFENDED

Mr Dulles said that the United States certainly could not take offence at the suggestion of Mr Molotov that the European countries should get together for their own security without the participation of America.

The American Secretary of State told Mr Molotov that the United States had never intruded itself as an unwanted partner in European affairs and did not have the intention of doing so in the future. But he reminded Mr Molotov that the American people had a very deep and legitimate interest in Europe.

American hopes, he said, had been well known for the third time because every European was asked and had asked the United States to do so.

Referring to the division of Europe, Mr Dulles said this division was between people who had been subjected and people who had not, and it was not to be obscured.

The question, Mr Molotov wanted to know, was whether the United States would stand with Europe in the event of a Soviet attack on Europe. The answer, Mr Dulles said, was that the United States would stand with Europe in the event of a Soviet attack on Europe.

Testing A New Rifle



Two among a party of British Members of Parliament test out the new Belgian rifle F.N. 9.30, which is to be used by the British Army, in London. The Members of Parliament were invited to do so by the War Office, and tried out the new rifle and watched demonstrations of its firing power.—London Express.

BRITAIN'S NEW PLANE

London, Feb. 10. Britain's first cross-piloted jet plane, an Armstrong Whitworth Meteor, made its maiden flight today.

It was in the air for 22 minutes in the Midlands, with Armstrong's chief test pilot, Squadron Leader Eric Franklin, lying down in a prone position.

The jet with the pilot lying down in a prone position is a specially adapted Armstrong Whitworth night fighter version of the Meteor.

Britain, America and several other countries have been for some years making experiments in prone piloting. As the speed of the aircraft is pushed steadily higher and the era of supersonic flight opens, the greatest problems confronting designers are not purely aerodynamic, but rather how the human body can withstand the forces increasingly imposed upon it.

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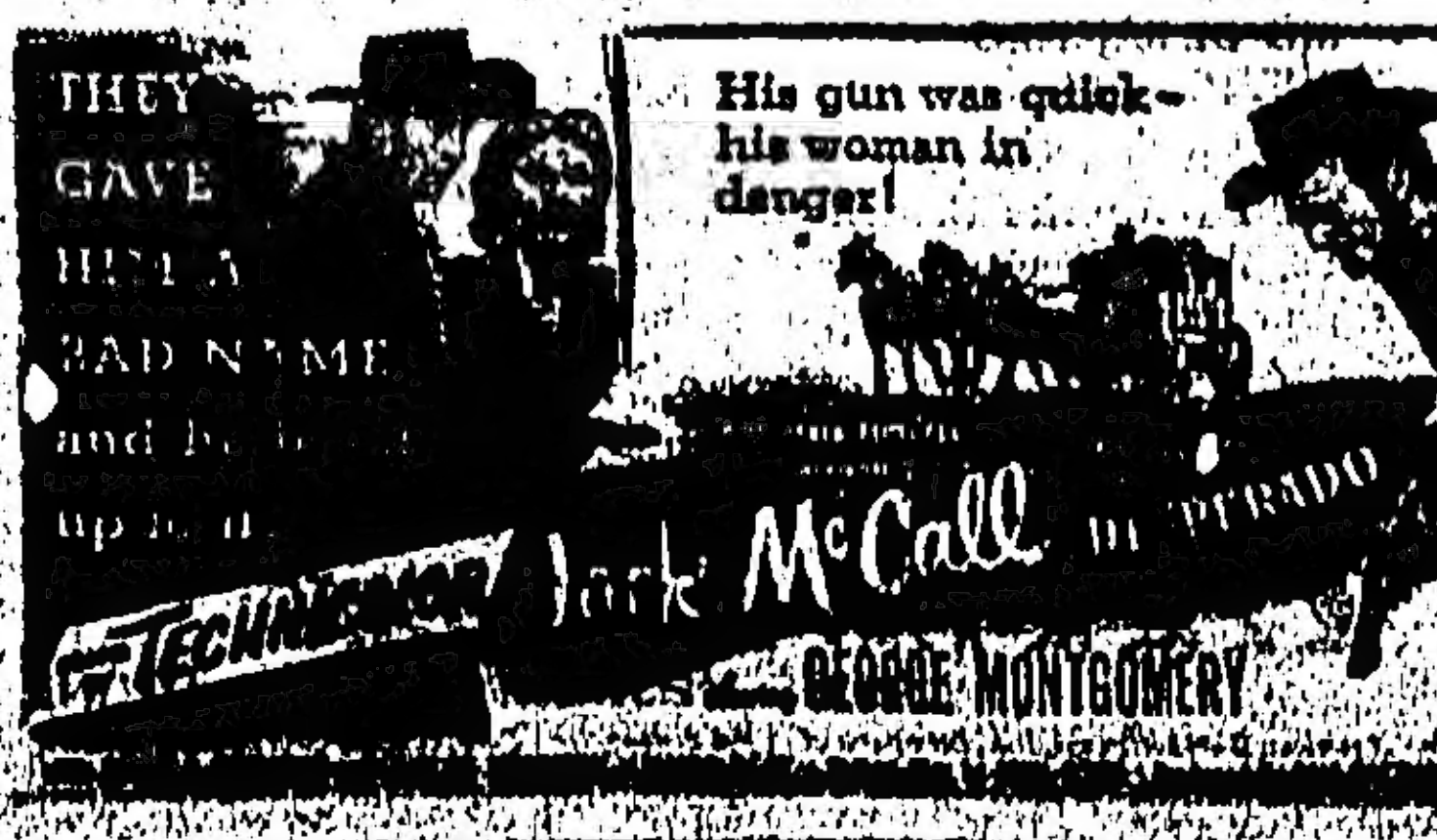
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MIDDLE-EAST PACT NEARER

US Favours Regional Security System

London, Feb. 11.

Preliminary American contacts which may lead to the establishment of a regional security system stretching from Turkey to Pakistan are nearing completion. It is believed in diplomatic quarters here.

American sympathy with the creation of a local system of defensive alliances of the Balkan pact type has been made clear both to Pakistan and to Turkey, it is thought here.

Discussions on the possibility of granting United States military aid to Pakistan are already advanced.

Although no formal approaches have yet been made, the possibility of concluding a

pact of friendship and mutual aid between the two countries is believed to be viewed favourably both in Karachi and Ankara, and some further, more concrete, moves are regarded as probable in the near future.

Should this pact materialise it is recognised here that it might provide the basis for adherence by other neighbouring states, notably the states which, with Turkey, formed the Spadepack Pact system of the inter-war period—Persia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

American backing for such a regional system would, it is thought here, be assured.

NO DIRECT LINK

No direct link with the United States such as had been contemplated in the Middle East Defence Organisation of which Britain, France and the United States, as well as countries of the Middle East, were to be members is likely.

But a regional system of this kind would certainly enjoy as close contact with the military staffs of the Western Powers as that enjoyed by Yugoslavia, from within the Balkan Pact.

Moreover, the form of the Spanish-American bases agreement makes it clear that current American military thinking does not consider the peace time occupation and development of war time bases to be essential.

ALTERNATIVE TO MEDO

Officials here do not give a clear answer to questions whether such a system, if it were to materialise, would be an alternative to the plan for a Middle East Defence Organisation in which Turkey and the "Big Three" Western Powers would have enjoyed a special position.

The fact seems to be that an Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the future of the Suez Canal base would give this "scheme" a fresh start. In the face of Anglo-Egyptian deadlock, however, fresh plans for the security of the area between Europe and Asia are being canvassed.

In these new plans, the leading role would be taken by the indigenous states and not by the Great Powers.

PREOCCUPIED WITH SUEZ Britain, while being kept informed, is in fact preoccupied with the question of the Suez Canal base and the chances of securing Egyptian co-operation in its use.

Should a new security system along Russia's southern frontier begin to take shape, it is clear that Turkey would occupy a key role. Besides membership of such a system, Turkey, which bridges Europe and Asia, is also a member of the Balkan Pact system and of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Standing both geographically and politically at the junction between these systems, it would be through Turkey that continuity of defence from the Western world to the heart of Asia would be assured.

The possibility of establishing a secure defence system between Asia and the Middle East has for some time been explored by the United States.

United States Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles, on his return from his tour of the Middle East and Asia early last summer, commented favourably upon the virility and independence of what he called the "northern tier" of nations linking Asia and Europe.

At that time, he also recognised the immense difficulties both in the form of Anglo-Egyptian discord and/or Israeli-Arab hatred which stand in the way of the earlier concept of a strictly Middle East defence organisation. — China Mail Special.

Stone Age Relics Found In Fukien

Singapore, Feb. 10. Peking radio announced that Communist geologists have excavated a number of stone age relics in Fukien Province, South China.

These included 12 examples of polished stone ware, pottery, a well preserved pottery vessel and many fragments. The relics were found at a depth of about six feet. Fragments of human skulls, animal bones and deer horns were also discovered on the site. — China Mail Special.

The "Brain" Has A

Breakdown

A huge electronic "brain," which for months has been working 24 hours a day solving complex mathematical problems for Britain's atomic aeronautical, financial and defence chiefs, has had a "nervous breakdown."

For a fortnight the brain—which fills a big room at Manchester University—has been dumb and helpless. Its memory, a magnetic drum in which 500,000 facts are stored, has failed.

But that doesn't mean that it's forgotten anything. The bearings of the drum are worn out, and to replace them much of the brain must be taken to pieces.

Creaks and groans from the memory drum, which turns at 2,400 revolutions a minute, first drew the attention of its human attendants to its condition.

HAVING A REST Though piles of work awaited the brain's attention it was decided to give it a rest while the trouble was investigated.

The brain has helped Sir William Penney's team of atomic experts to push ahead quickly with Britain's atomic work. The De Havilland company has consulted it about supersonic flight.

Firms on defence projects, such as Metropolitan Vickers, have also sought its aid. Its charges are £20 per hour.

The machine, costing £100,000, was built by Ferranti Ltd. Others are being produced and several foreign Governments are interested in them.

FOOTNOTES—Strictly speaking, the "brain" is no more a brain than any other machine. It merely cuts down to the minute fraction of a second the time a normal person takes to work out mathematical problems.

Los Angeles, Feb. 10. The film producer-director Fred Packard today filed suit for divorce from Sholash May Packard, daughter of the English movie executive, J. Arthur Rank, on grounds of desertion.

Packard indicated an international battle over custody of the couple's two U.S.-born children—Susan May, 6, and Fred Arthur, 5—might be waged when he asked the Court to order that the children be educated in American schools.

His lawyer, S. S. Helm, said Packard, an American citizen, was en route to England to ask the court's custody.

Rank said the family went to England in 1950 when Packard worked for Rank. After a disagreement, he said, Packard returned here but his wife has failed to follow. — United Press.

One Of Farouk's Companions



Peron And Eva Nazi Spies? Nonsense Says German Embassy

Buenos Aires, Feb. 10.

A German Embassy spokesman today labelled as "complete falsifications" purported documents alleging that President Juan Peron and his late wife, Eva, operated as German spies in Argentina during World War II.

The alleged documents were reproduced in the book "Tecnica de Una Traicion" (Blueprint for Treason), written by an exiled former Radical Deputy, Silvano Santander, and published in Montevideo last year.

The spokesman said the German Embassy had informed the Argentine Government, "As far as we can determine, they are complete falsifications." He added that when the book was published, his Embassy considered it an attempt to worsen Argentine-American relations, which at the time were at the nadir.

The spokesman said the German Foreign Office had obtained statements from all of the Third Reich German Embassy officials quoted in the book.

"In each case, these men have denied the validity of the documents in such a way that we have no reason to disbelieve their denials," he said.

In the book an alleged letter from naval Captain Niebuhr, one of the military attaches at the German Embassy during the war, to General Faupel was reproduced. The spokesman said Captain Niebuhr had denied ever writing to General Faupel. Also, the spokesman said, Prince Schaumburg-Lippe insisted that since 1945 he had not been in Brazil where, according to Tecnica de Una Traicion, he made statements on the subject.

The spokesman said all the signatures reproduced in the book were forged and the evidence clumsily presented. He added, however, that it might appear convincing to a person whose knowledge of German was slight. — United Press.

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No US Government Farm Surplus Exports For Russia

Washington, Feb. 10.

The United States Government announced today it would allow the sale of surplus farm products to the Soviet bloc provided they were first obtained by American exporters in the open market.

But the new policy, announced by the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Sinclair Weeks, forbids the sale of such products from Government-owned stocks.

His statement said "It has been decided to deny commercial export licensing for the export for cash of United States Government-owned surplus agricultural and exportable products to Russia or her satellites."

"This does not exclude study of license applications for exporting these products to the Soviet bloc if acquired by exporters in the open market and not from Government-owned stocks," he said.

STRATEGIC BAN Moscow, Feb. 10. Some of the goods that Russia wants to buy from Britain are on the British strategic list, the leader of the British group of businessmen said today at the end of their two week trade visit to Moscow.

Mr. J. B. Scott said the Soviet Foreign Trade Minister, Mr. Ivan Kabanov, "spoke frankly about this list" and "expressed the hope for a successful expansion of business in spite of the list."

Eight of the group left Moscow today but 20 others stayed behind for private discussions.

Mr. Scott told Mr. Kabanov at a banquet last night that Britain welcomed a statement given to the group by the Minister a week ago in which the Russian Government listed 61 items they would like to buy from Britain, including heavy machinery.

"BIG BUSINESS" Mr. Scott said today it was impossible to give a figure of the business done or projected by the group's visit. Some Russian requests were only in

the inquiry stage and some of the British businessmen would not give details of their own discussions for competitive reasons, he said.

"But it is obvious there is some very big business going and the Russians are anxious to build up trade," he said.

One company represented was working on Russian inquiry which could mean a £10,000,000 order for electrical equipment, Mr. Scott said.

He added that another electrical firm had an inquiry for 1,000 electricity distributing substations each of about £2,000.

"Long term prospects seem good. A number of companies have secured contracts, everyone is pleased and considers the trip worthwhile," Mr. Scott declared. — Reuters.

Former POW's Want To Emigrate

United Nations, N.Y., Feb. 10. The United Nations Secretary-General, Dr. Dag Hammarskjöld, told a press conference here today the United Nations was actively concerned with the fate of the former Korean war prisoners who had asked to emigrate to neutral countries and would contribute to all efforts aimed at having them admitted to these countries. Some 50 prisoners asked to be sent to neutral countries, — France-Press.

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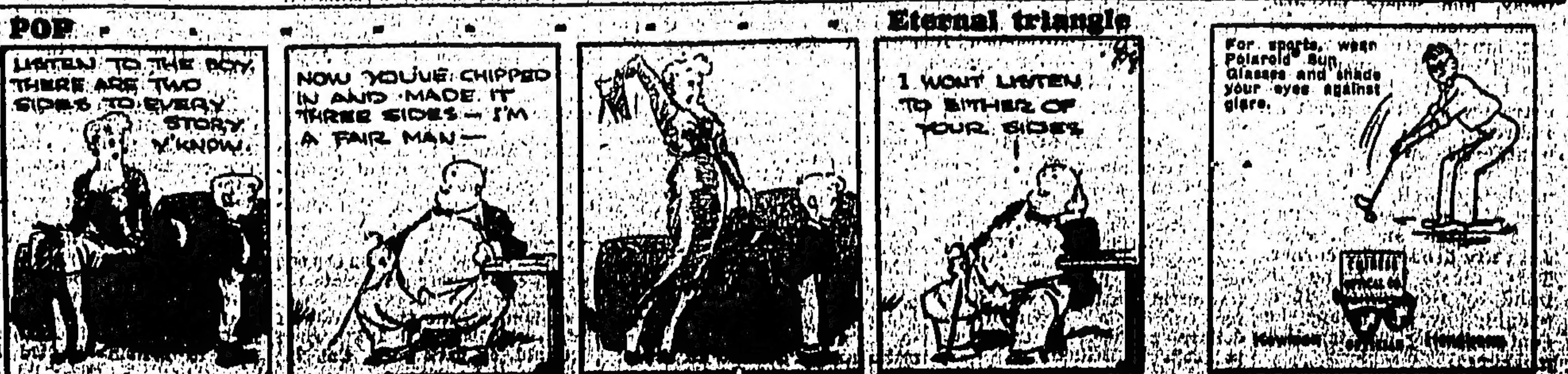
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But Armed Forces To Be Strengthened "To Ensure Our Security"

But at the same time, it warned that it was necessary to continue to improve and strengthen "continuously" Soviet armed forces "in order to ensure the security of our country."

A United Press report stated that Russia was reported to be conducting an atomic defence survey in Eastern Germany aimed at placing atomic artillery with Red Army units deployed in the West.

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GIBRALTAR HAS BEEN BRITISH LONGER THAN IT WAS EVER SPANISH

By Peter Lovegrove

GIBRALTAR, that rocky "sentry-box" guarding the narrow sea-way between Europe and Africa where the Mediterranean and the Atlantic meet, which Her Majesty the Queen is to visit on May 10, will complete its 250th year under the British Crown on July 24.

It has recently been the target for threats by General Franco and hysterical demonstrations of nationalism by Spanish youths in Madrid and other cities, but in actual fact this naval base of vital strategic importance has been British territory longer than it ever was Spanish.

Known to the Greeks as Kalpe, it was one of the Pillars of Hercules of antiquity, and the Phoenicians were the first to found a

Moor was back in possession 24 years later, and it was not until the end of the fifteenth century that Spain regained control.

In 1704 it fell once more, this time to the combined British and Dutch forces under Admiral Sir George Rooke after a three-day siege. The War of the Spanish Succession was then in progress, with Britain supporting the claim of the Archduke Charles of Austria to the throne of Spain, and the original aim of Rooke's expedition had been to seize Barcelona. When this was found to be loyal to the Archduke's cause, Rooke struck at Gibraltar instead and, appreciating its strategic value, promptly hoisted the

siege in 1726, again made a "final" renunciation of their claims in 1729, and fifty years later launched, with the help of the French, their most ambitious effort to reduce the fortress.

This was Gibraltar's greatest siege, the small British garrison holding out indomitably against vastly superior forces for three years and seven months. The Governor and Commander-in-Chief was the dogged and experienced 70-year-old General Eliott, and he only had 5,500 men under his command. There were four British Infantry regiments—the 12th of Foot (the Suffolks), the 39th (the 1st Dorset), the 50th (2nd Essex) and the 58th (2nd Northants), all of whom wear the castle of Gibraltar on their cap badges to commemorate their gallantry and endurance—the Manchester V Lighters, three Hanoverian regiments, a battery of Marines

struck back to such effect that all the "floating batteries" were blown up or burned out, and the whole offensive collapsed disastrously.

This was Spain's last throw, and the 1789 Peace of Versailles confirmed, for the third time, Britain's right of possession of the historic rock. Soon after, Spain and Britain were allied against Napoleon, and Gibraltar ceased to be an issue between the two nations until recent years.

In World War One, when Spain remained neutral, there are now more than 10 miles of subterranean corridors—and manpower were strengthened against a possible attack but France, though co-operating with the Axis Powers on the Russian front, prudently refrained from committing himself against the Allies.

Most Loyal

Gibraltar today has a civil population of some 23,000, of mixed Mediterranean and Spanish origin who count among Queen Elizabeth's most loyal subjects. Some 12,000 Spanish workmen cross the neutral zone every day to work for the British authorities.

Under a new Constitution promulgated in 1949, the Governor is assisted by a Legislative Council and an Executive Council. The Governor presides over the Legislative Council, which has three ex-officio members, five elected by the popular vote of the Rock's inhabitants, and two nominated members (of whom both may, and one must be, unaffiliated).

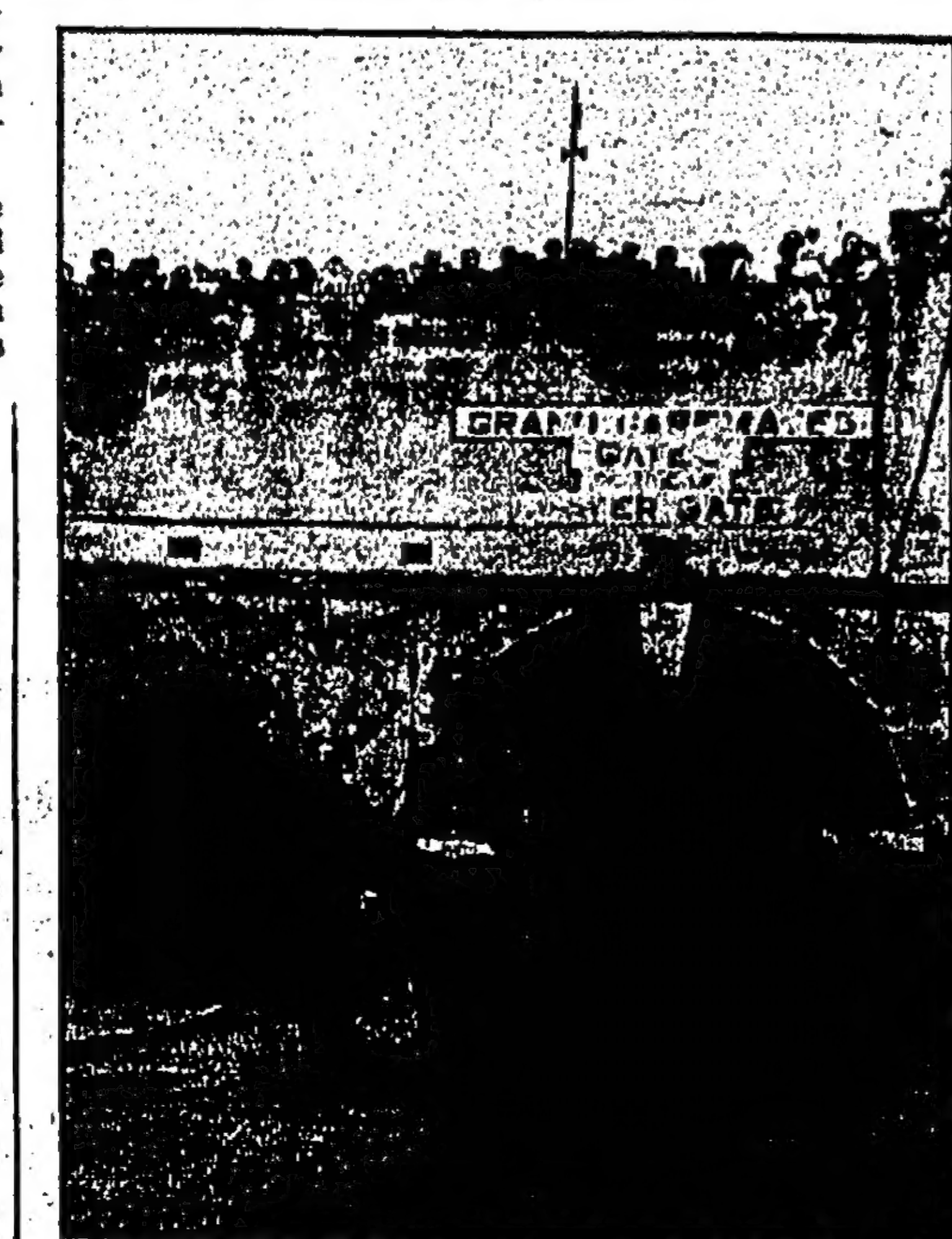
A free port, with an extensive shipping trade and tourist traffic, it derives most of its revenue from port dues, and duties on a variety of commodities. It has virtually no home production, and depends on Spain for its food and on rain storage for drinking water.

There have been two previous Royal visits—by King Edward VII in 1903 and King George V in 1912. George VI had also planned a visit for 1951, but was prevented by illness.

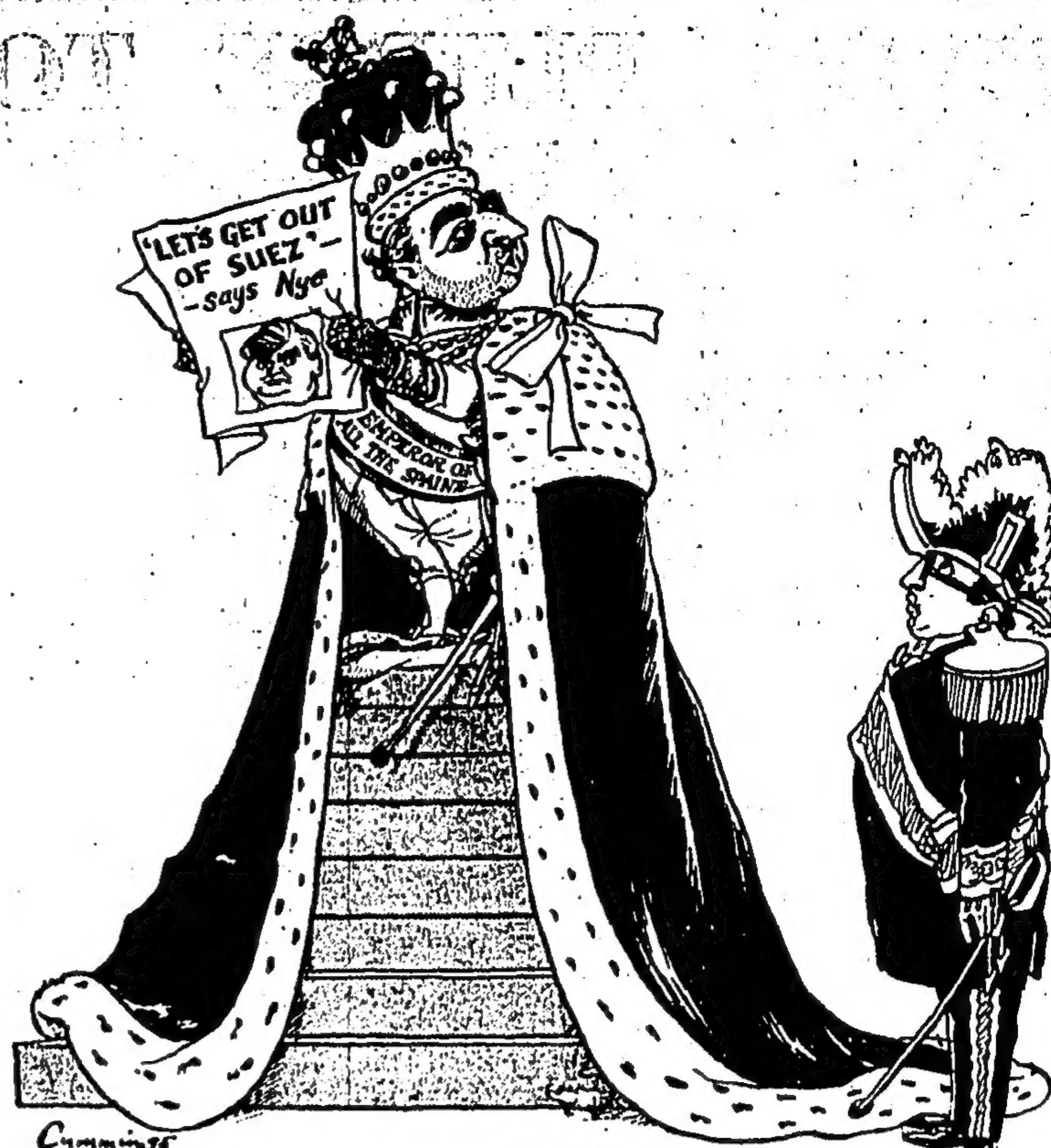
No Intention

During his recent campaign Franco has said that if Gibraltar is returned to Spain, he will lease back to Britain the dockyard and other military installations. But there is no intention in Whitehall to countenance any change in the territorial status of Gibraltar. And Franco's impudent warning of the "resentment" the Queen's visit will cause in Spain has been firmly rejected by the Foreign Office.

In the House of Commons on January 25, Mr Selwyn Lloyd stated that the Spanish Ambassador that he was not prepared to discuss the Queen's visit to any one of her territories and that in no circumstances could he adopt a representation on such a topic from any foreign Power. And Mr Lloyd added that Britain would take a serious view if any hostile demonstrations were organised during the Queen's visit.



The Port Sergeant marching away after "locking" the Water Gate of the fortress at Gibraltar — part of the weekly ceremony of the Keys. The custom dates back to the days of the Great Siege of 1779-1783 and was revived in 1931.



"We must invite Senor Bevan to Gibraltar without delay"

London Express Service

★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★ MORE PUSH-BUTTON FOR MRS AMERICA

New York, Tuesday.
BIG business is obviously out to save the New World for prosperity by electronics, autronics, hydromatics, and several billion dollars of expenditure.

East side, West side, all around the town there are exhibitions dominated by the push-button. The latest in motor-cars, motor-boats, kitchen, and household equipment are on display near the sidewalks of New York.

I could not help thinking as I looked at the "Kitchen of tomorrow" brought to you today, in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel: "But can you boil an egg?"

Ovens, grills, ranges appeared, disappeared, slid sideways, backwards and forwards at the pressure of a lever. There was not the slightest resemblance between the old kitchen stove and the gleaming white laboratory on show before the gaping women.

Everything, it appears, is to be automatic, and maybe atomic, in the mechanical world of the future. Perhaps the housewife is becoming superfluous.

The Motorama

THERE was everything in the "Kitchen of tomorrow" brought to you today, except food. A demonstrator said this was an oversight, and guided me to the "Motorama" (these strange new words) where the 1954 cars are on exhibition.

Impressive! Very. The automobile industry, stung by talk of a recession, is obviously betting on boom. General Motors president Harlow Curtice is wagering \$1,000,000,000 on expansion.

He says: "No depression is in my vision."

Young Henry Ford, more cautious, is slightly uneasy about rising unemployment, but he also is spending several hundred millions on new models and selling them to the public.

There is something rather ironical about the American customer's worry about a slump. One of the strongest signs of 1954 is a prosperous citizen having his super car equipped with amplifiers so that his forecast of a depression can carry to all his passengers.

Humorist's view

I HEAR men almost every day, while ordering meals which cost \$2 or \$3, asking the waiter: "Do you think the recession is going to get worse?" The humorist, H. I. Phillips says: "The well-heeled American screams 'Slump!' when he has to put less gin in his Martini and make the French poodle go all through the winter in the same mink blanket."

He adds that people are getting worried because in order to pick up money now you have to bend.

Anyway, it is plain that American industry is prepared to bend. I don't know whether you see any of the American magazines, but if you do you will notice that they are carrying more advertising than ever before in their history. Newspapers are printing a record volume of advertising too.

A barometer

MUCH of this advertising is by the motor-car firms. The motor-car industry is the barometer of the American economy—that's why I write about it a good deal. It employs one out of every seven American wage-earners and provides one out of nearly every 14 dollars Americans spend.

Other giant industries—steel, oil, rubber—depend on the motor-car. When the motor-car industry coughs the United States is sick.

In the hope that the cough will not become influenza or pneumonia, the motor-car magnates are ridding their treasure chests to sell their products.

I find it strange that so many businessmen, so ready to pour thousands of millions into "sounded-up" selling, are so wary about reducing tariffs. Henry Ford is an exception, but most big executives shy away from drastic tariff reduction.

The report of the President's commission on trade policy has been received. It is obviously there's hardly a chance that American tariffs will be slashed or that the "Buy American" programme will be waived.

Standing fast

ACTUALLY, if American tariffs were scrapped entirely, I don't think the overall volume of U.S. business would be affected much. Small sections, such as the watch industry, would possibly be hurt.

Yet most of Congress, and particularly the Republican members, are standing fast against tariff reform. The best we can hope for is another modest expansion of the reciprocal trade programme.

Special interests have still have vast influence. There are only 20,000,000 people in agriculture out of a population of 160,000,000, yet one whisper from the farmers has Washington turning handsprings.

The farmer has been pampered, spoiled, supported, and subsidized for years. His high prices are propped by the Government, which means the taxpayer.

The result is that the Government has a glut of food on its hands—800,000,000 lbs. of butter stored away, billions of eggs a

total of \$2,500,000,000 tied up in surplus foodstuffs, and another \$3,000,000,000 in loans to farmers on crops. And it doesn't give the stuff, or rather foodstuffs, away.

Despite all the wealth and power of this country, I sometimes think there is a lurking inferiority complex in some Americans. Such stress on the word "imported," such pride in "European styling."

British success with jet airliners rather irked the aviation industry and provoked opposition among Congressmen. British had luck lately with the same jet gave Drew Pearson and other columnists an opportunity to say that Americans were right in refusing to grant certificates.

This conflict

I SEE that the United States News, which has great influence, says that Sir Miles Thomas and all Britons "were" proud of the Comet. What does it mean—"were"?

Life magazine asks: "Did the jet age come too soon?", though it answers: "No, even though the British are going through a painful time ironing out the Comet's bugs."

Perhaps it is this conflict which incenses the high-tariff crowd.

Complaints from British showmen that our shows and films are also not being given a fair chance don't, however, seem valid to me.

If American exhibitors believe our pictures will make money for them they will put them on. Dollar-earning capacity is the one test.

Our plays have had a poor Broadway season, but Henry Sherck hopes for a triumph with T. S. Eliot's "The Confidential Clerk." Sherck called on me and said he was delighted at advance bookings. Alice Guinness, Ina Claire, Joan Greenwood, and Claude Rains should make "The Clerk" a hit.

Hollywood actor Robert Ryan is memorable in "Coriolanus." He has been wasted in several trashy films.

Farewell party

HALF of Broadway turned out for the party for London's Sleggy Bessler, given by Earl Wilson. I saw Dolores Gray, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Gloria Swanson, Eva Gabor, Tommy Dorsey, Robert Q. Lewis, Lauren Bacall.

Bessler, who returns to London today, has been feted from here to Hollywood. Scotland's Mary Garden says: "Marriage is all right for some opera singers, but if you have a great career why do you want a man trailing you?"

The British musical, "The Boy Friend," is awaited here. So is its author-composer, Sandy Wilson.

Pedigree For 18 Pence

By J. W. Taylor

THEY are expecting another busy year at Somerset House, dealing with the hundreds of enquiries, some by post, others personally, from Americans anxious to trace their British ancestry.

Remarkable research results are often achieved by the Somerset House experts, sometimes on the flimsiest of clues, although there are times when defeat seems imminent from the start.

Typical is the request from an American called Smith who seeks to establish the genealogical details of a grand father born "somewhere" in the Midlands, England, round about 1695. A common name calls for essential data as the precise date and place of birth; less is needed for a rarer name.

Cost of the search can be modest or very costly, according to the work involved. A sifting of records covering a period of five years at Somerset House costs 1s. 6d. If made in person, and 3s. 6d. If conducted through the post, in which case the applicant must take up an additional charge of 3s. 6d. An extensive search in person costs 30s. for six consecutive hours.

COLLEGE OF ARMS

The Society of Genealogists, a non-profit making concern, is also available for additional help at appropriate fees. The College of Arms, too, will help at charges that can be high, for the fees expected for private genealogists are appropriate to the high professional skill of the researchers engaged. A long and protracted search, much of it perhaps involving much wasted time on fruitless enquiries, can mean the expenditure of hundreds, perhaps thousands of pounds, before a pedigree can finally be established. The College concerns itself only with families who boast a crest or coat of arms.

The experts do not agree that another has made Americans so ancestor-conscious; they say it comes of a very natural pride in one's origin. Somerset House have the impression, however, that social-climbing may have something to do with it, but admit that with many there are very practical reasons for the quest.

Some seek to establish hereditary right to an estate. There are those who are Latter Day Saint devotees wishing to baptise their ancestors into their faith by proxy. Somerset House records each month regularly swell the posthumous roll of this sect by about 20 a month. Then there are Americans who can trace their descent to the Mayflower, and have through these researches been able to go back in their ancestry to the Middle Ages in England.

CHURCH RECORDS

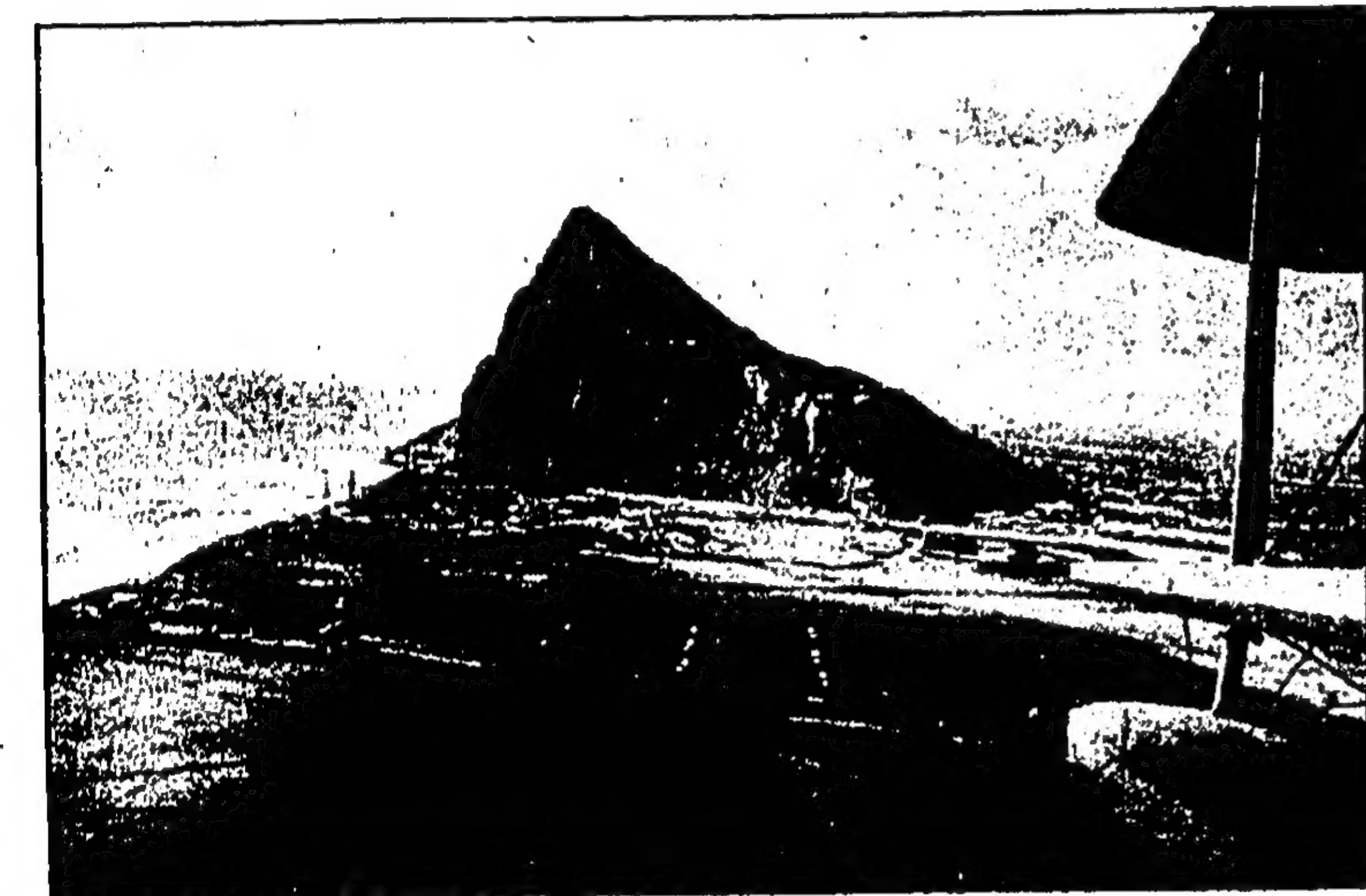
Somerset House records in the Strand, London, are chiefly confined to births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales since 1837; Scottish and Irish records are filed in Edinburgh and Dublin. They also include records kept by churches prior to 1837, some of them going back to the middle of the 16th century; census returns since 1801, and military records for about two centuries.

Church records take the researchers to the Somerset House Probate Registry, to the diocesan repositories all over the country; to mediaeval records and land deeds housed at the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane, finally to parish churches throughout the country containing details of births, marriages and deaths from 1538, when registration was introduced by law, to 1837.

The Society of Genealogists not only have an index of parish registers covering the whole country, but other research aids such as the passenger lists of early emigrant ships.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



The Rock of Gibraltar, photographed from the air.

settlement there. It was an important harbour under the Carthaginians; it became the first Roman colony in the whole Iberian peninsula; and it was occupied by the Goths after the fall of the Roman Empire. In the eighth century the Berbers and the Arabs seized it when they invaded Spain; they called the rock (Gebel el Tarik (Mount Tarik) after the name of their leader, and this eventually got deformed into Gibraltar.

The Spaniards first came into the picture in 1309 when Ferdinand II of Castile captured the Moorish castle-fortress, but the

Royal Standard of Queen Anne.

When the war ended, the territory—it is only 3 3/4 miles in length, three-quarters of a mile in breadth, and 1,396 feet high at its highest point—was ceded to Britain under the most unequivocal terms under the Treaty of Utrecht of 1713. This treaty states:

"The Catholic King does hereby for himself, his heirs and successors yield to the Crown of Great Britain the full and entire propriety of the Town and Castle of Gibraltar, together with the Fort, fortifications and forts belonging thereto. And he gives up the said propriety to be held and enjoyed absolutely with all manner of right for ever without any exception or impediment whatsoever."

It was not long before the Spaniards dishonoured their signature. They made an attack on the Rock in 1720, undertook a fruitless

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"How do you expect me to remember your birthday when you never look any older?"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

ENCOURAGED by the favorable reception (seven ton-foot letters to an evening paper) accorded to his Triangle Traffic Plan, Charlie Suet has supplemented it with a plan for coordinating and scheduling the thirty-four lighting systems at present in use in the streets of London.

Briefly, his plan is to floodlight the lights at night in such a way that they would be reflected by an arrangement of glass mirrors placed above and below the fluorescent approach-lights. The colours used in both cases would be green, blue, red, amber and light blue—the latter only at night.

Presumably each road of what I myself call "The Whole Time."

Twenty Years of Uproar

Orchestra and stage were out of touch at the beginning.

I RECALL an occasion when Rostropovich, the stage had been set for "Tosca," and the orchestra was about to start. "Tosca," Rostropovich went on with "Tosca," as though nothing had happened. The orchestra played "Tosca," and the scene shifted to the stage. Rostropovich fell about the stage, he fell with laughter.

Sheik Nekhash el Foulounough

Rostropovich, like many other people, is a curious creature. But he puts his off with playful replies. He is a great musician, a great composer, a great conductor, a great pianist, a great singer, a great actor, a great dancer, a great athlete, a great everything. He is a great everything.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

BORN today, you have a kindly and likable personality. You will find friends wherever you go and you will make the mistake of thinking you are a "softy." This is far from the case, for while you are pleasantly smiling at all times, you can be quite stern and exert a will of iron if you are being crossed in any major objective. You know what you want. You will get it. Just when it is the proper time to howl!

You are a little too critical of others and more apt to see an error than a virtue. You must admit that you are even slightly in error. You must always have a deep interest in whatever you are doing or your enthusiasm wanes and then your capacity for hard work decreases. You are the one who usually keeps a level head in your shoulders during crises and then, surprisingly enough, will love your head over some minor matter that really is quite unimportant.

You have many moods. At times you are on top of the world and, at others, you are inclined to become depressed, brooding and even a little morose. Strive for emotional balance.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—In all discussions, always be calm and unbiased. Don't get excited over issues just now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Good will can bring harmony and happiness among those with whom you come in contact.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Get caught up on necessary work on the office so you can plan a free and relaxing week-end at home.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Impulse is not for you today. Think every move over most carefully before you start to act.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—This may be a day of all the important and necessary things right on time and you'll be glad.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Do one thing at a time and you will be successful. Do all the important and necessary things right on time and you'll be glad.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Do not depend upon others, but do what is necessary yourself and you will feel true satisfaction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Don't procrastinate. Do all the important and necessary things right on time and you'll be glad.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Do not hold anything over until the week-end. Do everything that should be finished today, efficiently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If planning a short trip out of town over the week-end, make all your arrangements today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be careful that you are not misled by the information you are given.

DUMB BELLS

IT MUST BE VERY BAD FOR THE HEALTH TO BE A GREAT COMPOSER—NEARLY ALL THE GREAT COMPOSERS ARE DEAD.



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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Good Play and Luck
Win Bridge Hands

NORTH			
♠ A 10 7 5			
♥ 10 9 8 4			
WEST			
♠ K 8 7 2			
♥ K 8 3 2			
♦ K 4			
♣ J 5			
EAST			
♠ Q J 10 9 5			
♥ 4			
♦ 10 8			
♣ K 8 7 3 2			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ 4			
♥ Q J 10 7 5 3 2			
♦ A Q			
North-South vul.			
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 2			

BY OSWALD JACOBY

THIS hand may strike your fancy," writes Phil Garland, well-known Tacoma expert. "My partner took a finesse successfully but couldn't afford to repeat the finesse even though the repetition would surely succeed."

"The hand was bid to the limit, of course, but we needed a few good scores to win the Open Pair event in the Port Angeles championships, and you don't get good scores by just sitting still. West opened a low spade, and my partner, Charlie Davidson, put up dummy's ace in order to try the trump finesse."

"If he had found the king of trumps on side, the hand would have been easy, but West won the king of diamonds and tried to cash the king of spades. Charlie ruffed and led out a few rounds of trumps, discarding two low hearts from the dummy in the hope of disguising his great interest in dummy's hearts."

"His next step was to lead the jack of hearts for a finesse. West played low, and the finesse succeeded. It was now clear, of course, that West had the king of hearts, because East would have been happy to take the setting trick if he had been able to do so. But Charlie couldn't afford to lead the queen of hearts and let it ride, because then he would be stuck in his own hand with no way to avoid the loss of a club trick."

"My partner led out the rest of his trumps, hoping to discover who had the king of clubs. West had to keep two hearts and could therefore keep only one club. He discarded one club with such unconcern that it seemed unlikely that he had the king of clubs. This wasn't evidence that would stand up in a court of law, of course, but it was better than nothing."

"Charlie finally led the queen of hearts, hoping that West had only the king left. But West could still play a low heart. So he declared put up dummy's ace of hearts and led a club towards his hand. He tried the slam finesse, and made the slam when that finesse worked."

"Slightly lucky, but rather interesting, don't you think?"

Very interesting, indeed. Mr. Davidson played the hand very well, but I think that West could have given him a rough time by discarding the jack of clubs and saving the low club. This might make it look as though his remaining club had to be the blank king. However, if defenders were always full of diabolical cunning this would be a tough world for ambitious bidders.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Heart	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
2 Diamonds	Pass		

You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-7-3, Heart 4, Diamonds K-Q-5-3-2, Clubs A-J. What do you do?

A—Bid four no-trump. If your partner has only one ace, you will stop at five diamonds. If he has two aces, you will go on to six diamonds. If he has three aces you will bid the grand slam in diamonds.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has been: North 1 Heart, East Pass, South 1 Spade, West 2 Hearts. Pass.

You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-7-3, Heart 4, Diamonds K-Q-5-3-2, Clubs A-J. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

T. I. VERNON

Prescribe the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE

Latest Trend In Hat Styles



FROM the new spring hat collections in Paris came the waning of the smart, severe little hat—untrimmed, chic, but hard to carry off.

In its place: the Frankly Pretty Hat. It is complicated, small, flowery, and flatteringly, and you wear it straight or slightly tilted forward.

Three of the prettiest are pictured here—

ABOVE: Yellow crinkled chiffon pill-box with a huge flower on the side.

TOP RIGHT: Yellow and orange flowers on a crown of twisted green tulle stalks.

RIGHT: Grey and white striped silk, trimmed with big red flowers.



The Perfect House Guest

By Helen Follett

THE well-mannered house guest should not borrow beauty aids from her hostess. Cosmetics are personal belongings. No woman cares to have others dipping into her jars of cream or spraying on her expensive perfume, and the like.

The girl who is lucky enough to be invited to house parties over week-ends should have a travel case of cosmetics. There are many in the shops, and at all prices. Some are so

reasonable they won't make much of a dent in the beauty budget. These cases are a good investment because they're wonderfully convenient for long vacation trips, too.

Some kits come filled with cosmetics. These usually contain cleansing and night creams, hand lotion, powder, rouge and lipstick. The larger cases provide room for tissues, toothpaste and other beauty essentials.

If she wants to be invited again, the house guest should be neat and tidy. If she leaves her room in disorder, she will get a low mark and no return trip. She should tidy the bathroom, folding towels carefully, washing the tub after she has her bath.

If there is no maid, she should lend a helping hand with the housework. Above everything else, she should not overstay her welcome there.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr Punch's Peculiar Circus

—His Trick Performers were All Insects—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, ran up to their friend Mr Punch, who was sitting and napping in the easy chair under the sunny window.

They both shouted joyfully: "Mr Punch! Do you know what's just come to town?"

Slowly Wakes Up

Mr Punch opened his eyes slowly. In fact, he opened one eye at a time. Finally, when both eyes were open and he had blinked the sleep out of both of his eyelids, he smiled and said in a gentle voice: "If I understood you correctly (and I'm quite sure I don't) you said something about what or who just came to town."

At this, Knarf said: "The circus just came to town!"

"Ah," said Mr Punch. "That's good news. I always liked the circus. When I was a boy, I had my own circus."

This piece of news was so astonishing that Knarf and Hanid, who had heard many astonishing things from Mr Punch, could hardly believe their own ears.

Very Peculiar

"And was it a regular circus?" Hanid asked.

"Of course not," said Mr Punch. "I said it was peculiar, didn't I?"

"What was peculiar about it?" Knarf wanted to know.

"The size of it," said Mr Punch. "Another thing that was peculiar about it was the animals and clowns that acted in it."

Knarf and Hanid were both eager to know more about Mr Punch's Peculiar and Positively Perfect Circus. Mr Punch then lit his pipe and explained everything.

"Now I kept my whole circus under a tent on a table in my

playroom. And the animals and clowns weren't horses and lions and tigers and elephants and men. They were grasshoppers and spiders and crickets and caterpillars and beetles and frogs."

"You really had your own circus, Mr Punch?" Hanid exclaimed.

"Certainly," said Mr Punch. "What's so strange about that?"

"But nobody ever has his own circus," said Knarf.

"That may be," said Mr Punch, "but I had a circus just the same. It was called Punch's Peculiar and Positively Perfect Circus. I made up the name myself," he added.

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Paris Dress Shows Bring Spring Nearer...

By A. Edwards & D. Beyfus

PARIS. YOUNGER than spring-time was the mood of the Paris dress shows last week-end. Like a cloud of spring flowers the girls drifted by in their dresses of April sky blue, mimosa, wild rose, snowdrop white and green, buttercup, bluebell, and primrose.

It brought spring a little nearer... and, as it turned out, it was perfect timing by that famous publicist and dress designer Jacques Fath. For it made his dress show as cheering as a flash of warm sunshine in this freezing Paris.

It was not only the spring flower colours that were good to look at. The dresses too were what you longed to take home and wear on the first fine day that comes along. And that is something unusual for the eccentric Mr Fath.

THE CHOICE

The big question in the fashion world is not whether to wear skirts shorter—they are fixed at the length that suits you best.

The question smart women will have to decide is whether to be comfortable or curved—whether to have a boned and corseted waist, or no waist.

The recent dress show did nothing to solve the problem, for there were plenty of both kinds of dresses.

Among the clothes that were tight around the middle, tweed or the silk suits, straight tweed dresses with big cape collars, and vast evening dresses in pale colours. All these have homes sewn into the dress.

Among the clothes that were loose round the middle: Chiffon, loose tweed or cotton jackets—

sometimes hip-length and sometimes reaching to the knees. Fashionable and pretty were the white muslin evening dresses, short or ground length, embroidered in yellow sequined mimosa or pantheas, or blue-sequined forget-me-nots. The tulle stoles used as a single colour contrast, like sky-blue tulle and mimosa satin.

The black silk cocktail dresses with boat neck and a bow on each shoulder. The dark grey, navy, and tobacco wool suits. Necklaces in turquoise and garnet.

GOLF BALL EARRINGS

New but not so wearable were the sky-blue earrings the size and shape of golf balls. The pointed satin slippers sequined on the toes.

White jersey dresses, white flannel great-coats, white pipe printed with black cornflowers. And better for London than anything London has thought of: Jersey dresses in dark grey or snuff brown. Detachable starched white picnic collars that you take off when you want to wear a little less.

The silk suits with stiff jackets and knife-pleated skirts. Rough tweed dresses, with big collars and boned waists, which button right down the front.

TO SUM UP—Most of the clothes were the kind that most women like to wear. But it was not a show to shock the ears off you. And it is shock tactics, after all, that makes the fashion world go round.

Woman Of 60 Dives Afire Into Tank For Amusement

St Petersburg, Fla.

ELLA CARVER looks like the hundreds of grey-haired grandmothers who have come to the Florida Gulf Coast to relax in the sun, chat with their neighbours and knit sweaters for their grandchildren.

But Miss Carver, who uses her maiden name, doesn't knit or gossip for relaxation. Her idea of a good time is to climb a 90-foot steel tower, set herself afire with gasoline, and dive into a steel tank containing five feet of water.

Another one of her amusements is to climb on one of her five trained horses, and then with her mount leap from a 40-foot tower into a tank of water 12 feet deep.

Performer for 50 Years

Ella Carver, at 60, is a carnival performer—has been since she was 10 and following her father around the carnival circuit.

Her father originated the diving horse act the year she was born.

"Heights have never worried me," said Miss Carver. "When I was a kid in Bluefield, W. Va., I climbed every tree in the county. My mother always worried about me."

WEALTH OF NEW TALENT IN SCHOOLBOYS' BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

By "ARGONAUT"

A wealth of new talent and an improved standard of badminton were the gratifying features of the opening games of the 1954 Colony Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Open Championships at the Queen's College courts yesterday.

The most impressive display was by Chu Sai-wah of Pui Chung School. Competing in the junior class, Chu accounted for DBS's Sinn Dung-shun by 15-0 and 18-17 and during the two-set game showed himself to be a good miniature of shuttle king Wong Peng-moon in build, footwork, strokes and court mannerisms.

Under proper coaching, the Pui Chung player is a safe bet not only to garner the Colony title in five or six years' time but also to make himself conspicuous in international badminton. He looks the most promising player Hongkong has ever had.

The Midget class event, introduced for the first time and limited to students of under 15 years of age and five feet in height, was given an excellent start.

The fighting spirit of such "midgets" as Sinn Dung-shun and the two Wing brothers, Philip and Martin, as they grappled their teeth and fought undauntedly against opponents who were more than a foot taller deserves special mention.

One of them, however, Wong Kai-lam of Clement Middle School, standing barely two inches in height, showed a fighting spirit like a seasoned veteran. Wong kept his much bigger schoolmate, Lee Hoo-kuen, on the run throughout the two sets with beautifully executed drops, lobs and drives to win comfortably by 15-7 and 15-3.

In the two most closely-contested games of the evening

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 8th Race Meeting 1954/55 to be held on Saturday 27th February and Saturday 6th March, 1955, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Sham Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 16th February, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SEVENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 13th February 1954.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 8 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.
The Secretary's office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him. Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.
MEALS & REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$10.00 Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 12th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled on Friday meetings.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Agular Street and 332 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on the race day.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.
PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
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Secretary.

Schoolboys—Junior—Singles:
Tang Siu-on (WYHK) conceded a walkover to Leo Legasbi (LSC).
Man Kwok-wai (DBS) beat Cheung Pak-wai (MHP) 15-2; 15-0.
Chu Sai-wah (Pui Chung) beat Sinn Dung-shun (DBS) 15-0; 18-17.
Chan Zuen-yuen (SSC) beat Au Yeung Wai-kai (MHP) 15-3; 15-0.
Chan Kai-yim (CMS) received a walkover from Chan Sai-tim (WYHK).
Chan Hung-kwong (WYHK) beat Jose Basto (KGV) 15-15; 15-10.

Schoolboys—Midget—Singles:
Henry Wong (DBS) beat Sinn Dung-shun (LSC) 15-0; 15-0.
Wong Kai-lam (CMS) beat Lee Hoo-kuen (CMS) 15-7; 15-3.
Loong Tze-lun (NTC) beat Philip Wong (WYHK) 15-3; 15-1.
Leung King-ha (NTC) beat Martin Q. Wong (WYHK) 15-5; 15-1.
Lee Chi-wing (LSC) conceded a walkover to Henry Yung (SSGS).

Schoolgirls—Doubles:
Loretta Chan & Mary Sin (SMS) v Diana Yung (SSGS) & Chan Yuen-yue (WY).
Schoolgirls—Midget—Doubles:
Chan Ping-yuen & Chau Chau-hong (CMS) v Wong Kai-lam & Hung Hin-shum (CMS).

Schoolgirls—Singles:
C. K. Wong (NMC) received a walkover from Chu Kam-pui (QC).
Chen Yiu-ming (SJC) beat Hong Yuen-lo (SP Co-ed) 15-0; 15-0.
Manfred Kan (Kwong Hsin) beat Edward Basto (LSC) 18-10; 18-13.

TOMORROW'S GAMES

(At GTC 6 p.m.)

Schoolboys—Senior—Singles:
Ed. Marquitz Lim (LSC) v Chan Koon-yui (QC); S.M. Runjah (QC) v Ko Wei-bong (Tsing Hwa).

Students—Mixed—Doubles:
Wong Hin-nin (QC) & Ruby Hu v Hui Ki-bun (KC) & Helen Chiu (SHS); Edward Basto (LSC) & Marie Barros (MC) v Manfred Kan (KH) & Betty Cheung (FC).
Schoolgirls—Singles:
Ella Lau (FC) v Diana Chui (SMS).

Schoolgirls—Doubles:
Loretta Chan & Mary Sin (SMS) v Diana Yung (SSGS) & Chan Yuen-yue (WY).
Schoolgirls—Midget—Doubles:
Chan Ping-yuen & Chau Chau-hong (CMS) v Wong Kai-lam & Hung Hin-shum (CMS).

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

The following are the Softball League matches for this week-end and the umpires assigned:

Saturday

Juniors—Comets v P.I. Dodgers (A), umpire, M. Nunes and two Mounaun players; Cubs v Rockies (B), umpire, Gary Yen. H. Hornball, at 2.30 p.m. Mounaun v C.A.A. (1) (A), Bill Silva, C. Remedio, S. Frequenti, Paoles v C.A.A. (2) (B), D. S. Ling, R. Osman, R. Hamel, at 4 p.m.

Sunday

Senior "A"—Drives v South China (A), W. Woo, Mario Pereira, R. Sumner, 2 p.m. C.A.A. v St. Joseph's (A), C. Potner, W. Ma, Chev Tsoi, 2.30 p.m. Senior "B"—Wildfires v Delawares (A), J. Wing Lee and two Drives players; Americans v J.K.U. (B), A. Oliveira, V. Tio, R. Rey Jr (B), at 11 a.m. Ladies' Senior—Whoras (A) v Poonas (A), R. Vienna, O. Souza, M. Ferns, 9.30 a.m. Ladies' Junior—South China v C.A.A. (B), T. Wu, Eddie Souza, L. Loh, 9.30 a.m.

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SPECTACULAR LEAP



Boniperti, the Italian centre-forward, makes a spectacular leap to boot the ball during the Italy v. Egypt match in Milan, which Italy won by 5 goals to 1. On the left is Helmi of Egypt.—Express Photo.

West Indies In A Commanding Position In Second Test

Bridgetown, Feb. 10.

The West Indies were in a commanding position at the close of play today in the second Test match against England, having amassed a lead of 474 runs with nine wickets in hand.

The score at the close was:
West Indies, 1st innings, 382.
England, 1st innings, 181.
West Indies, 2nd innings, 272
for one.

Holt was still unbeaten with 106 when stumps were drawn. His total includes one six and 27 fours. He has batted 280 minutes so far. He reached his first Test century in 172 minutes.

The second wicket stand between Holt and Worrell has so far realised 221 runs in 210 minutes, only seven short of the record West Indies second wicket partnership against England.

Worrell's score was 74 not out. The new ball was available after tea at 170, but Hutton persisted with slow bowlers for 40 more minutes. He took 'it' at 221 after Holt had scored 13 off one Compton over.

Holt and Worrell continued battling in the manner of top-class batsmen at net practice against second-rate bowlers. West Indies did not enforce the follow-on when they dismissed England for 181 soon after the start of the fourth day's play today.

The England innings ended without addition to the overnight score. The remaining batsmen, Lock and Statham, produced defensively for three overs, then Statham swung wildly in Valentine's next over and skied a catch to cover.

After Stollmeyer was run out—for the second time in the match—Worrell and Holt remained unbeaten until the close.

THE SCOREBOARD

West Indies, 2nd Innings

Holt, not out 186
Stollmeyer, run out 28
Worrell, not out 74

Extras 4

Total (for one wkt.) 272

The first wicket fell at 51.

Bowling So Far.

O M R W
Statham 12 0 41 0
Bailey 12 1 48 0

There Are Too Many 'Mr Grundys' In The Golf World

Says JEAN DONALD

Men—even the most gallant of them—are apt to look on women as a nuisance on the golf course. I want to join the issue with them on that score. It's high-time the woman player had a champion—and I mean to tackle the job!

I've been playing golf since I was about six years old, and I know how much encouragement our girls—from beginners to experts—need.

The Americans teach the game in their schools and colleges with results all too familiar to us in the international field. But my main concern here is not so much the top class women golfers as those just coming into the game.

I know many beginners are nervous about breaking into a field which, they might feel with justification, has for so long been a man's more than a woman's preserve.

There are still some clubs where women are merely tolerated, some where they aren't allowed at all.

In most cases the women pay a reduced subscription, some-

times as low as half, so they must expect to lose some of the privileges.

They may find that they can play only during the week or only between certain hours during the week-end.

DEPLORABLE

There is, I believe, one club which has a deplorable rule, banning all women from playing unless they are partnered by their husbands. What a piece of Mr Grundyism!

But practically all municipally owned courses, and a fair number of private clubs give facilities to women in proportion

to the lower fees they are charged.

And now that so many of the "all male" clubs—and their professionals—are feeling a financial pinch, I think the day will come when most clubhouse doors will be opened to us.

The initial expense—with clubs costing around £3 each and bags up to £12—is another alarming thought for the beginner.

But I began as a six-year-old with a driver, a putter and a masher, building up gradually with the occasional birthday present until I achieved my first matched set at 18.

Now I have the "full bag" of 14 clubs—4 woods and 10 irons. A playing outfit of that kind, bag included—might cost more than £60. But I would suggest about a quarter of that as a fair outlay in the early stages.

Five clubs make a good beginners' set—brassie, mid-iron (No. 3), masher (No. 5) masher-club (No. 7) and putter.

If you work hard at the game and by this I mean practice, practice, and yet more practice, you will get a tremendous amount of enjoyment out of it.

So far my golf has taken me, apart from almost every corner of the United Kingdom, to France, Belgium, America, and South Africa. I have played on a tremendous variety of courses under many different conditions. It has been an exciting experience.

We can't all make the world our golfing parish, but we can all get our own kind of "kick" out of the game. (London Express Service).

Colony Tennis Championships

With the exception of one game which, although lasting only two sets, won to a total of 24 games, all other matches were one-sided affairs in yesterday's play for the Colony's Singles Grass Court Tennis Championships on the HKCC courts at Chater Road.

Choy Tin-kin, J. Saul and E. Sauter, who topped the game each in overcoming their respective opponents.

Two games were unfinished and will be played off tomorrow.

Today's programme will feature the matches between K.C. Dao and B.S. Lee on Court 2, Edwin Tsai and Lee Wai-long on Court 3, and K.F. Lee and K.F. Lee on Court 1.

It is expected that both Tsai and Dao will go through to the next round without much trouble, but in the Lin v. Lee match, a sterner duel should occur.

THE RESULTS

The results of the games played yesterday were: Sol Faller lost to K. Lo 1-6, 2-6; K.F. Lee beat K.L. Ho 6-2, 7-5; J.S. Sauter beat Choy Tin-kin 6-0, 1-6; J. Saul beat J.C. Savage 6-0, 6-1; E. Sauter beat K. Lo 6-0, 6-1; C.C. Koo beat V.C. Kung 7-5, 7-6.

The matches played by C.S. Chen and V. Wong; Francis Ma and P. Lorne were unfinished.

TODAY'S GAMES

Court 1: Fritz Lin v. K.F. Lee, Court 2: B.S. Lee v. K.C. Dao, Court 3: E. Tsai v. Lee Wai-long, Court 4: E.J.B. White v. P.H. Lin, Court 5: C.C. Koo v. A.V. Ho, Court 6: E.J.B. White v. R. Molochie, Court 7: W. T. Lee & S. Wong v. Court 8: A. D. Barnett v. C. Ho, Court 9: A. D. Barnett v. S. Kuo, Court 10: D. Burnet v. V.T. Wang.

TOMORROW

Court 1: A. C. B. Hopkins v. P. Simon, Court 2: C. S. Cheng v. V. Wong, Court 3: V. Khan v. V. S. Muni v. S. L. Ma & P. F. Tsai, Court 4: C. C. Koo & C. F. Lee v. Pung Moon & B. S. Lee, Court 5: E. J. B. White & R. Molochie v. W. T. Lee & S. Wong, Court 6: A. D. Barnett & C. Ho v. S. Kuo & A. D. Barnett, Court 7: S. Kuo & A. D. Barnett v. S. Kuo & A. D. Barnett, Court 8: S. Kuo & A. D. Barnett v. S. Kuo & A. D. Barnett.

There is no game on Court No. 4 which will be used for any unfinished games in tonight's matches. The Swedish players from Manila are giving an exhibition on the Cricket Club courts and there will, therefore, be no Colony Tennis Championship games next Monday and Tuesday.

Farewell To Three Grand Old Men

By ARCHIE QUICK

Three famous sportsmen died last week on the same day, Sir Henry Leveson-Gower, Vivian Woodward and Wagstaffe Simmons.

Sir Henry, knighted last year and better known as "Shrimp", was cricket captain of Winchester School, Oxford University, Surrey and England. He was also organiser of the Scarborough Festival which he inaugurated nearly fifty years ago.

He was treasurer of the Surrey Club and President for twenty years. He was a Test Selector and he toured with the MCC in South Africa and the West Indies. He was a genial man, ever ready to help, and I am but one of the many Pressmen who have profited by his knowledge, advice and willingly given information.

Wagstaffe Simmons was a Director of Tottenham Hotspur and he was a member of the Football Association Council for 25 years. He was also a Fleet Street reporter for 50 years. But I remember him best when he ordered out of the Spurs' Boardroom the wife of a foreign Ambassador with the brusque comment: "No women allowed in here!"

It was only two weeks ago that he said: "I wish some of my old footballing cronies would come along and visit me." That was a cry from the heart of a lonely old man who contributed so much skill and pleasure to the game of soccer.

One of his last visitors was Len Braund, the old Surrey Somerset and England all round cricketer and that was quite an effort on Len's part—for he has no legs. Woodward was a fine cricketer too, and it is over a quarter of a century now since I saw him knock up a century for Middlesex Wanderers on tour in Holland.

FOOTBALLING IDOL

Vivian Woodward was the footballing idol of a past generation. Although most of his active career was spent with Spurs and Chelsea, he was a true amateur, never taking expenses, and was one of the overseas pioneers of the game with Middlesex Wanderers. His 66 "caps" for England—26 full ones and 40 amateurs—is a record, and, for an amateur, so

THE GAMBOLS



POINT 16

HAVE YOU A
SURFET OF
WASHING?

—Surf It

Stroke Is Oxford's Chief Problem

As yet there is no ready-made stroke at either university for this year's Centenary Boat Race; but, as was the case in 1953, one will no doubt be discovered both at Oxford and Cambridge before April 3 (writes Hylton Cleaver).

The Oxford A and B crews, who are still being kept in training, were stroked by Australiana J. McLeod and E.B. Vine respectively on their last outing.

There are four Australian candidates for Blue in this historic year, and all of them are at Oxford. E. O. G. Palm was Australia's Olympic seven in 1952, and is quite the best oar available.

He looks like being a great influence over the boat as was Louis McCagg, of USA, in the Cambridge crew last year. He has taken Quick's old seat at 7, which leaves the latter, who is president, to row 4.

The fourth Australian, J.A. Dobbo, was spare man last year and is now three in A crew, so there seems quite a chance of all four racing against Cambridge. This would make history in itself.

I watched Oxford cover 14 miles of the Wallingford Reach at a firm paddle—six and a half miles of it without an ending.

RAF EIGHT

It was, of course, bitterly cold, and the only people on the launch were Christopher Davidge as coach, Richard Burnell, Olympic gold medal winner of 1948, and myself.

The outing was specially interesting because the Oxford Probables and Possibles had the company of the RAF eight from Benson. It included five of last year's winning Thames Cup crew—all available until the Head of the River race.

Gavin Sorrel, stroke of our Olympic four at Helsinki, is on a course, but will be back in mid-February.

One of the most effective men in the Oxford A crew is J. M. Wilson, the only Old Blue available apart from Quick and W. R. Marsh, the cox.

Among the new men, I liked the latest member of the Rakes family from Radley H. D. T., the son of David.

He is rowing No. 6 in A crew. Another Radleyan, J. G.

Davenport, whose brother got a Blue last year, is at bow in B crew.

Most of the rest have been changing places and even crews daily in the effort to discover the best order of rowing, and it does not look as if the first eight is by any means settled yet.

UNEVEN

Stroke certainly provides the biggest problem. McLeod has rhythm but not much attack, and his leg work is uneven.

In general, there is a lack of weight about the Oxford Probables, but it is certainly wise to use the Wallingford Reach which provides the longest stretch of water between locks to be found on the Upper Thames and is nearer to Oxford than Henley.

(London Express Service)

Miami-Nassau Yacht Race

Nassau, Bahamas, Feb. 10. The green-hulled Hoot Mon, a 39-foot speedster owned jointly by three Miamians, captured the 16th annual Miami to Nassau race on corrected time today, although it finished last among the 25 yachts entered.

Hoot Mon, owned by Woody Pirie, Charlie Ulmer and Worth Brown, used its eight-hour handicap to wind up with a corrected time of 10 hours 33 minutes.

Second place went to Marie Amelle, a yawl owned by Gabriel Giannini of Oyster Bay, New York, with a corrected time of 19 hours 58 minutes.

Hilary, a 55-foot yawl owned by Hugh Scuddelee of Grand Rapids, Michigan, earned a corrected time of 20 hours 12 minutes to take third place.

United Press.

SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Edited by Marshall Fallows)

When Norman Low, the Norwich manager, went to watch Leicester's Cup replay with Stoke he took with him Billy Furness, who has been appointed first team coach and trainer.

Furness, capped for England as an inside forward while playing for Leeds, coached Peter Gordon and Ron Hansell in the reserves until they won their first team places. Now he has been promoted with them.

Most welcome traveller in Norwich is centre half Reg Foulkes, who represents a chocolate and toffee manufacturing company.

Says Foulkes: "I have many calls to catch up with after a whole week away training at Brighton. It is taking quite a time—I have to tell the story of how we beat Arsenal wherever I go."

If Norwich (Division III South) beat Leicester in the next round Foulkes will need an assistant.

Next top-class amateur to join the professional ranks could be Lou Brahan, the Walthamstow centre-half. He says he has no idea of doing this at the moment, but the fact remains that he is "flirting" with Crystal Palace.

I arrived just after the start of a mid-week League game between Palace and Millwall at Selhurst Park on a Wednesday, and remarked to Palace Chairman Arthur Wait that their centre-half impressed me.

"He ought to," was his reply. "He is Brahan, the Walthamstow Avenue centre-half."

This grade of football was just too easy for the 6ft. 2in. tall Brahan and I have no hesitation in suggesting he could win a place in Palace's first team.

At the moment Brahan intends to let the Avenue have first claim on his services. But towards the end of the season, when Palace have some mid-week games, he is likely to be introduced to League football.

Palace thinks so much of Brahan that they would be prepared to sign him professional and let him continue in his job as a car salesman.

WHERE IS HE?

What's happened to Neil Franklin of England and Bogota fame?

Jack Hill, ex-England and Burnley pivot, now on Hull City's administration staff, says: "Neil is still one of the best centre-halves in the country—maybe the best."

"He's as fit as ever, and though he's playing in Hull's reserve side at the moment he's bound to be back in League Soccer soon."

The quest for League points and Cup glory makes pro Soccer a tough business. But that doesn't eliminate sportsmanship. How's this for a nice gesture?

Before the Lincoln Cup tie with Preston, Lincoln manager Bill Anderson received a good luck telegram from Mrs. Bill Dodgin (wife of Brentford's manager) and daughter Jean.

Yet a week earlier Lincoln had gone to Griffin Park and snatched a couple of priceless points from the struggling Bees.

Saturday is special dispensation night for big Duggie Reid of Portsmouth.

After a match he can express his opinions freely and forcibly. He can call chairman Vernon Stokes the worst blooming chairman in football if he likes—and Mr. Stokes won't mind.

Everyone at Pompey recognises Duggie's whole-hearted club

spirit, his level-headedness. Hence the dispensation. Ask him which team he wants to play for and he'll tell you "any team... so long as I'm not twelfth man."

Mention Vernon Stokes and Duggie grins, shuffles his feet, and says: "Aw, Mr. Stokes is always kidding me..."

NOVELTY

One of the training novelties introduced by Derby County at the Baseball ground is relay racing with a ball.

Players are split into two teams. Each man in turn dribbles half way round the track and back. First team to complete the trip wins.

West Bromwich Albion, Division I leaders, are leaving nothing to chance in their bid for the League and Cup double.

Take the tie with Rotherham. Why did Albion make ball control look so easy on the bone-hard ground?

Here's the secret... for weeks the West Bromwich boys had been practising with a rubber ball on a concrete pitch. Now their foresight is being rewarded.

Southern United still hope to persuade Reading to part with centre-forward Ken Blackman. Other clubs have similar ideas.

Reading's answer is to appoint Blackman captain. They want him to stay at Elm Park.

Ron accepted the appointment with a grin and added: "I'm happy here and shall stay as long as you want me."

(London Express Service)

WORRYING WORRELL, THE MAGNIFICENT MENACE

By GEORGE WHITING

London.

One down—and Frank Worrell in! That is the none too cosy state of affairs in the far West Indies as our cricketers play Test Match No. 2 at Barbados. The prospect, frankly, will warm no frozen bones back here at home.

Everton Weekes may clout our discredited pace attack with the explosiveness of a blunderbuss, Ramadhin and Valentine may continue to torment crease-bound batsmen. But the smooth acquisition of immaculate runs by Frank MacGlynn Worrell could well prove the greatest menace of them all—as it was in the West Indies in 1948, and in England two years later.

Some of our opponents say "The method of the sum, wristy Worrell is to conceal a cricketer's eye beneath heavy lids, to compel our admiration of his leg-glance, to trim a bowler's length to his own cover-drive convenience, and to bedevil us with one of the most highly polished bats in the business."

THE GREATEST In short, to be a damned nuisance—brilliantly equipped to puncture what we have left of the glory acquired over Australia.

Herbert Sutcliffe rates his own pupil, Len Hutton, as the greatest batsman in the world, and nobody will quarrel with that assessment. Concede, therefore, that Sutcliffe knew what he is talking about when he records No. 2 position to Worrell.

How do we get him out? Quite a problem, I assure you, especially in the absence of Alec Bedser—the only Englishman to capture him twice in the 10 furnished innings. Worrell has contributed to our Test Match discomfort.

NOT THERE

Cranston, Allen, Berry, Hollies, Jenkins and Wright, each of whom have performed the feat once, are no longer mustered in our attack.

Figures, of course, can be awful liars, but some measure of the Worrell menace may be gathered from the fact that, in his seven knocks against us, the man born nearly 30 years ago in the shadow of the Empire cricket ground in Barbados has taken 933 runs off our Test Match bowlers (average 104.12).

Worrell also bowled—and once got rid of Hutton—in those seven matches. Indeed, it was bowling that introduced him to the game, at Combermere College at the belligerent age of 12.

But it was his stroke-packed batting, rather than his left-

arm medium quickies or his leg-break spinners that enabled Worrell to contribute so elegantly and so considerably to five defeats of England. Only once, at Manchester in 1950, have we managed to beat a West Indies team with Worrell in it.

He has scored a century against each of Australia, New Zealand and India; he has brought dignity to the dash of Lancashire League games for Radcliffe; and he has added freely to the fortunes of that mixed bag of Commonwealth cricketers in India.

But England, always England, has been the main target of his plannings, poisoning, sunstroke nor a broken finger has been able to deflect this prolific stylist from our defeat.

And he does it all for money! If ever Test Match cricketers form a trade union, you may bet your white boots that Frankie Worrell will be picketing for higher wages.

(London Express Service)

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Order by Mr. Fung Ping-fan, O.S.J., Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. 6/54 dated February 11, 1954.

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New Italian Cabinet Announced

Rome, Feb. 10.

After his meeting with the

newly-appointed Premier, Mr

Luigi Einaudi today signed the

decree appointing the list of

ministers who will take the oath.

The appointment announced

today also Minister of Justice,

Minister of Education, Minister

of Agriculture, Minister of

Finance, Minister of Foreign

Affairs, Minister of Labour,

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Is The Missing Soviet Diplomat Hidden On Okinawa?

Okinawa, Feb. 10.

Missing Soviet diplomat Yuri Rastvorov probably was on Okinawa and may still be here, but his whereabouts is one of the best-kept secrets on this United States island stronghold.

Rastvorov, Second Secretary of the outlawed Soviet Mission in Japan, disappeared on January 24. The chief of the Soviet Mission charged that he had been kidnapped by United States intelligence agents.

Highly placed United States sources said he had surrendered to United States officials and given details of a Russian spy ring operating in the Far East.

The Russian was reported to have been brought to Okinawa for questioning. But United States officials, like those in Tokyo and Washington, disclaimed all knowledge of Rastvorov's whereabouts.

"We don't have him," said Major-General David A. D. Ogden, Commander of the Ryukyu Command.

"I don't know where he is," said Thomas Murlin, American Consul here.

ISOLATED SPOTS

For every American on Okinawa who thinks Rastvorov never came here there are five who are convinced he was or is here, and there are 10 who avoid the subject.

And it was pointed out that the missing diplomat could be on the island in the hands of the agents of the U.S. Central Intelligence without Gen. Ogden or Mr. Murlin knowing it.

It was three weeks before most persons on the island knew the Pole was here. They found out the day he left, United Press.

Outstanding Points

London, Feb. 10.

The Minister of State at the

Foreign Office, Mr. Selwyn

Lloyd, told the House of

Commons today the main

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Kashmir Can Still Decide Its Own Fate

Washington, Feb. 10.

American officials said today they believed the inhabitants of the princely state of Kashmir still had the right to determine their own fate in a plebiscite under neutral supervision, despite the action of the Kashmir Assembly in ratifying accession to India.

They said they had no indication from New Delhi the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, intended to go back on his agreement of last August with Pakistan that the eventual fate of the State would be determined by the full and free vote of the inhabitants in a plebiscite supervised by a neutral nation.

However, a clear and unequivocal statement by Mr. Nehru, reaffirming his plebiscite agreement, would help quiet Pakistani concern on this point, they believed.

There appeared to be little agreement here with the assertion by the Pakistani Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali, that the action of the Kashmir Assembly was an "insult" to the United States. Officials said that would be true only if Mr. Nehru went back on the plebiscite promise.

REGULARISE MATTERS

The impression in official circles here was that the Kashmir accession actually did little more than regularise matters so that normal commerce could be carried on pending a plebiscite. As such, it was believed there was no legal ground for continued action against the accession.

However, at the same time it was realised that the psychological effect of the action tended to strengthen Mr. Nehru's position in the Kashmir matter since every fait accompli presented before the plebiscite might be expected to have some influence on the voting.—United Press.

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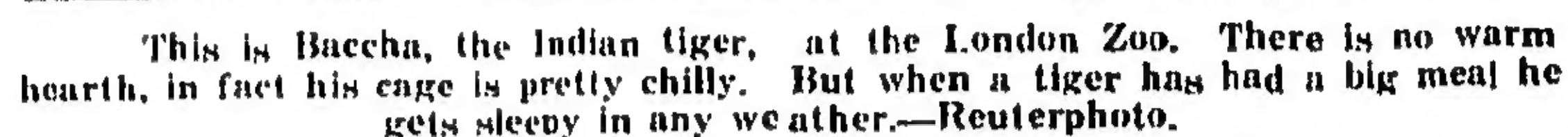
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tions. But her history as a war heroine dates back 12 years, when, as a girl of 18, she began her own war against the Germans occupying her country.

form their Arromanches bridgehead and the American armored columns were to carve their giant corridor round Hitler's German armies.

Still posing as a medical student, who made occasional trips to visit her "relatives" in Normandy, "Madame Parachute" busied herself organizing the delivery of arms dropped by aircraft from England.

necessary for some time.—China Mail Special.

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There were many difficulties, he said, and added, "One of these is foreign exchange." H

subject to review on the same terms as those of other Japanese class "B" and "C" (minor criminals). —Hester.

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British railway freight and dock charges are to be raised by 10 per cent from March 1. Mr. Alan Lunn, M.P., Minister of Transport, announced today. The increase is due to a 5 per cent pay rise granted the railwaymen. The increased charges would raise the price of steel by about nine shillings a ton. An spokesman of the British Iron and Steel Federation said.—Reuter.

Rayon Production

New York, Feb. 10.

Two US companies have announced that they are halting production of certain rayon

ments, but production have ceased completely by June, China Mail reported.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1954.

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A London Evening

THE young Dutch businessman came over on the Hook of Holland-Harwich service, and his first sight of London was Liverpool Street station in all its morning glory.

The gossamer quality of the gaily there is enough to persuade most visitors that London is full of romance and improbability, and the young businessman, whose name was Freddy, caught the mood at once.

He dropped his bag at his hotel, and somehow got through the working day. Then the enchanting evening lay ahead, and the whole town seemed his.

As so often happens in romances, the young man presently met a girl.

DOUBLE MAGIC

AND as usually happens abroad, she seemed possessed of twice the magic of the girls in Dordrecht or Utrecht or Bergen-op-Zoom, because he had so little of her language, and she had not a word of his. At a point in the evening he said, with a thumb in the right place of his pocket dictionary, "We will have dinner, yes?"

"Dinner, eh?" Freddy repeated. To make his meaning clear, he went through the motions of eating.

"Sure," said the girl, "let's go."

"But first," Freddy said, "I must see some money from my bag which in my hotel is."

VANISHING TRICK

"WHATEVER you say," said the girl, who was beginning to be bored with Freddy, and thought she saw a way of dodging the evening ahead.

They reached Freddy's hotel. "You just wait here," he said to the girl, "I get the money." He beamed, and bounded up the steps into the hotel lobby, like a stag. When he came back, the girl had gone.

He went into the street, and looked up and down. At first, there was no sign of her. Then he thought he saw her on the other side of the road. He raced across. "Now, now, now," he said, in mock reprimand, "you think you run away, eh?" It was the wrong girl. This one took one look at Freddy, and bolted.

SECOND ATTEMPT

PUZZLED, the young man returned across the roadway, looking about him. "Ah," he said to himself, "there she is."

He swept up to another total stranger, and this young woman was so put about by Freddy's advance upon her, that she ran away and attached herself to an elderly lady who was passing, and begged to be escorted out of Freddy's range.

A policeman had been watching Freddy. Now he came up. "I'm arresting you," he said, "for using insulting behaviour whereby a breach of the peace might have been occasioned." Freddy reached for his pocket dictionary.

At Bow Street, next morning, Freddy, dark-eyed as if through lack of sleep, but not unhand-some, pleaded not guilty to the charge, and the story was told to Sir Laurence Dunne, the Chief Magistrate.

BE CAREFUL

"WERE these respectable women," he spoke to? Sir Laurence asked the officer in charge of the case.

"Oh, quite respectable, sir." "It was just the wrong ladies, so they were frightened," said Freddy.

"You've got to be careful, in this country," Sir Laurence said to him. "You'd better have a better system of recognition, if you're going to meet young ladies. This time I shall discharge you conditionally."

Freddy nodded, as though the words meant nothing much to him until he could consult his dictionary. He bowed deeply, and went sadly away into the deceptive gaiety of Covent Garden.

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Trade Agreement Debate

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the Lancashire textile industry was having great difficulties.

NO POWER OR RIGHT

Turning to the colonies, Mr Maundling said: "We have no power or right to say they must not spend their own money on Japanese but Lancashire goods."

He added: "I don't think any-one would dispute that nothing could have a worse effect on our relations with the Commonwealth and the colonies if we were to insist on a proposition of that kind."

Mr Maundling said it had never been the practice of any government to consult a whole industry before coming to decisions. The Labour Government in 1931 did not do so when it imposed the colonial quotas in 1931. Nor did it seek assurance against unfair trading practices when it signed the 1931 Japanese agreement.

But Mr Maundling gave an assurance that if instances of unfair trading practices were brought to the Government's notice it would take action.

Mr Maundling said it was true that Lancashire would have to bear a large part of the burden. But that was because it was textiles, particularly cotton textiles, that the colonies wanted to buy.

The main increase in the colonial licences would be in the cotton textiles. In the other colonies which bought Japanese goods for consumption, the increase in licensed imports would be £7,500,000 compared with £17,500,000 to £25,000,000.

The actual amount sold in these colonies would depend upon the degree to which Lancashire was competitive and to which Japanese exports displaced goods from other countries.

Even if the Japanese sold £25,000,000 in the colonies, that would be substantially less than the rate at which the colonies were buying immediately after the 1931 agreement.

A situation had now been reached where there were no longer any balance of payments reasons for limiting imports into the colonies of goods they needed from Japan.

Mr Maundling said in practice this should not mean a substantial displacement of Lancashire goods in the colonies.

Without a renewal of the sterling payments agreement there might well be a bilateral Japan-Australia payments agreement which might have forced more Japanese goods into Australia at Lancashire's expense.

Mr Maundling said there was "no shadow of doubt" the agreement was in Britain's interests. It would do no serious injury to any British industry.

Mr Ralph Asquith, a Conservative from Lancashire who moved the Conservative motion, said Mr Maundling's speech had disclosed some additional facts of which he and his friends were not previously aware. He thought they would tend to allay Lancashire's fears.

Mr I. M. Thorburn, a Conservative, who recalled that for several years he was a prisoner of war of the Japanese, declared that the case for the agreement was overwhelming.

If one result was to make Japan solvent and give Australia a bigger wool cheque, it might well be to the advantage of Lancashire.

Mr John Edwards, in a winding-up speech, for the Opposition, disputed Mr Maundling's contention that the agreement was a continuation of the 1931 agreement. It had entirely new features which were causing concern, for instance, in the potteries.

The new features were the token quotas for Japanese imports into Britain which had not been admitted here since before the war. It was wrong to suggest that because the quantities were small they would have no effect on the British economy.

He was afraid that if Japanese exports to the colonies were to go up by £7,500,000 it would be at the expense of Lancashire.

GOOD OR BAD

Mr Thorburn said he was not sure whether the Opposition was in favour of the agreement or against it. The big question was whether it was a good or bad agreement. If it was bad then no amount of consultation with Lancashire would have turned it into a good one.

Some Labour members called out "It is a bad one."

Mr Thorburn said: "Then the Opposition motion is against the agreement." Their interruption

was the "most effective speech in the debate."

Mr Thorburn said the know of Lancashire's feeling that Japanese wages were only 40 per cent of the British.

"But we are not the only people in the world who have shewn fears about other people," he said.

The gap between Japanese and British wages was about the same as that between British and American wages. There were about 100 million people in the world, including a very few in the East.

Mr Thorburn went on to deal with criticism and fear of unfair practices.

Those allegations had sometimes been justly made of the Japanese, Mr Thorburn said. But there were already treaty provisions dealing with it.

It was expressly provided that the Japanese should conform to internationally accepted fair practices. It was difficult to imagine anything more specific than that.

The Japanese were signatories of the Madrid Convention on false indications of origin and another one on industrial property rights.

SITUATION MET

The Conservative amendment exactly met the situation, they said. It asked that if the treaty obligations were broken, Lancashire should not be at the mercy of Japan.

Clearly there was a limit to what the Government could do. But he could give the assurance that it would watch the situation. If it found the treaty obligations were broken it would take "adequate steps." No doubt the colonial Governments could consider taking comparable action.

The colonies were "masters of their own fate" in these matters. They and not the British Government decided what were the appropriate quotas.

Of the rest £25,000,000 went to the non-entirety colonies—an increase of £7,500,000 on goods including 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 yards of cloth.

Lancashire would not lose all that, he said. Some of the loss would be sustained by India and other countries.

If the £3,000,000 worth of grey Japanese cloth were not taken here it would be taken by other countries and woven there.

"In my opinion the case for the agreement is overwhelming," he concluded.—Reuter.

Queen Tours NSW Coast

Sydney, Feb. 11.

Only a small crowd saw Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh leave Government House here today for their tour of the south coast of New South Wales.

The Royal couple travelled in a closed car and seemed in good spirits as they swept through the city streets, past small groups of cheering people.

Police estimate that despite the threat of more rain, half a million people will line Prince's highway for the 50-mile car trip to Wollongong.

In the Sydney suburbs of Kogarah and Sutherland, 53,000 school children were lining the roads, and at places further south, workmen were busily filling in potholes and cleaning up the roadside.

As the Queen left Government House, light rain had begun falling in Wollongong.—Reuter.

Argument Over Foundation Day

Tokyo, Feb. 11.

Outside the Imperial Palace in Tokyo today there was public celebration of Japan's Foundation Day, Feb. 11 in 660 B.C. tradition has it that Japan's first Emperor Jimmu ascended.

After the war, the Occupation banned the celebration of Foundation Day.

Japan's 124th Emperor Hirohito, however, continued quietly visiting sanctuaries and today, within the High walled enclosures of the Imperial Palace, Hirohito visited three sanctuaries to pay traditional homage.

Outside the Palace, religious acts arranged to mark Foundation Day again, but newspapers reported public opposition and spathy at the smaller shrines.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"No, I know I don't need an expensive necklace, but we ought to look ahead—think of all the money we could borrow on it if we ever were hard up!"

Court Dismisses Appeal Against Death Sentence

An appeal against sentence of death for the murder of a woman Wu Kwai-lan on July 10, 1953, was brought by Ho Chung-foon, 24, rubber factory worker, before the Full Court of Appeal, comprising the two Puisne Judges, Mr Justice C. W. Reede and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg this morning. The appeal was dismissed.

Mr T. Shurlock told the Court that he was assigned to appear for the appellant, on the instructions of Mr Alfred Hon.

Counsel said that appellant was tried before Mr Justice Scholes and a Jury on a charge of murder and was found guilty and sentenced to death on December 1 last.

Appellant had appealed on the ground that he was falsely accused and wrongly convicted, Counsel said.

Mr Shurlock said he had studied the record with care and had consulted some of his colleagues and he was unable to find any ground on which to argue the appeal before the Court.

Counsel referred the Court to a case in the Criminal Appeal Reports of 1948 (the case of Rex v. Frederick Reynolds) in which the Lord Chief Justice said that the Court always read the transcript of the case and when it was perfectly clear there was no ground for appeal there was no duty on Counsel other than to tell the Court that he represented the appellant. If the Court had discovered anything in the case on which it wished to hear him, Counsel would then do his best to assist the Court.

Mr Shurlock asked whether their Lordships would perhaps intimate to him whether there was any point on which they wished to hear him. As far as he could see there were no grounds on which to argue the appeal.

At Justice Reede said that the Court was in entire agreement with Mr Shurlock. Their Lordships had read the record and there was nothing which Counsel could usefully advance to get the verdict set aside. The Court therefore did not wish further to hear Counsel.

Mr Simon L. Crown Counsel, said he had nothing to say. The appeal was accordingly dismissed.

The defence counsel and two policemen struggled for several minutes before they were able to drag Courtney away from the defendant, who made no attempt to defend himself except to keep his manacled hands over his face.—United Press.

SHIP'S HOLDS FLOODED

Tokyo, Feb. 11.

The 7,100-ton Panama-registered motorship Catherine was today reported in a critical condition with all holds flooded and salvage doubtful after going aground last night off Nojima Strait, near the eastern entrance to Tokyo Bay.

A United States naval tug has taken off the crew at the request of the vessel's master, Joseph Bledsoe.

The ship was carrying grain from Vancouver to Yokohama.

The United States Navy said today it expected that the vessel would be refloated.

The ship was expected today at Yokohama port in Tokyo Bay.—Reuter.

No Contact With Advancing Rebels Yet Established

Vientiane, Laos, Feb. 10.

French Union forces, including both French and Laotian units, returned to the threatened royal capital of Laos, Luang Prabang, tonight to report that they had no news of the whereabouts of the Vietminh's 308th shock division advancing on the city.

Despite numerous attempts to contact the rebel division, all patrols returned empty-handed and French military circles expressed the opinion that the Vietminh advance had slowed down considerably.

The Laotian Crown Prince Svang Vattana arrived here today from Luang Prabang to attend the opening session of the Laos National Assembly.

He stated that the morale of the Laotian forces and of the population of Luang Prabang was excellent. He said he believed the situation was not alarming.

Tonight the main body of the rebels was still believed to be 30 to 40 miles away from the royal capital, on both banks of the Namkhan River, waiting for orders to march on the city.

French warplanes carried out day-long bombing and strafing attacks on Vietminh troop concentrations and barracks throughout the whole of the battle area.

Vietminh spearheads, believed to be about 1,500-strong, were at the approaches to the town, but a general assault was not expected until the main Vietminh forces had reached striking distance of the capital.—France-Press.

DECISION CRITICISED

Washington, Feb. 10.

Two American Senators today added their voices to that of Senator John C. Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi criticising the United States government's decision to send American aviation technicians to Indo-China.

Democrat Senator Garry Floyd Byrd of Virginia told the press that such a decision involved risks.

He stressed that Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff had only announced this move on Friday to the Senate Armed Services Committee of which he is a member.

He said that France could now be expected to send first for aircraft pilots and later for ground forces and that he would oppose any such request.

Senator Walter George of Georgia said that should the United States send fighting forces to Indo-China, Communist China could logically expect to follow suit, and also send troops there, as they had done in Korea.—France-Press.

In Fear Of Earthquake

Guatemala City, Feb. 10.

Fear gripped many Guatemalans today that a destructive earthquake would hit the country in the wake of the more than 200 minor tremors felt in the past 48 hours.

Thousands spent the night in the open, sleeping on improvised beds in patios and backyards.

Widespread rumours that the feared quake would strike at noon resulted in the closing of all schools and colleges. A statement by the director of the National Meteorological Observatory, that the rumours were baseless, as it was scientifically impossible to predict earthquakes, failed to reassure the populace.—United Press.

Flash!

New York, Feb. 10.

The world's biggest, brightest electric light will be snapped on publicly for the first time tomorrow with a blinding flash equal to 2,374 60-watt household bulbs all burning at once.

This 75,000-watt, 80-pound bulb will shine like a miniature sun in honour of Thomas Edison's 107th birthday and the anniversary of his invention of the incandescent lamp. A ceremony will be held in Rockefeller Center.

The big bulb, half again as large as the previous 50,000-watt record-holder, will cast its light on the ice-skating rink. The bulb was developed by the General Electric Company as a feature of its diamond jubilee celebration.

Edison's most famous invention, the light bulb, was first made in 1879.

The bulb, 45 inches high and 20 inches in diameter, was hand-blown at Corning Glass Company at Corning, New York, which produced the first bulb used by Edison.—United Press.

Newsman's Flat Burgled

M. Florie Doublet's flat at Lakeside Apartments, 23, South Bay Road, was burgled early this morning, the thieves getting away with about \$500 worth of articles, including a radio-gram.

M. Doublet, who is the acting Manager of the Hongkong Bureau of Agents, France Press, lives in a ground floor flat at Lakeside Apartments.

Entry into the flat was made by way of the kitchen window.

In addition to the radio-gram, the thieves stole four bottles of wine and all of the cook's clothing save one pair of trousers.

This is the second burglary which has been carried out at Lakeside Apartments during the past week.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 By Air

Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 p.m.
Burma, 8 p.m.
Philippines, by Surface
Malaya, Borneo, India, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 By Air

Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Malaya, Borneo, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 p.m.
Great Britain, Europe, 9 a.m.
Australia, 10 a.m.
New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Borneo, India, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m.
Macao, 6 a.m.
Formosa, 8 a.m.
Burma, Borneo, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 By Air

Philippines, Guma, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 p.m.
Burma, India, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.
Hawaii, 9 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 p.m.

"Wanted" Man Arrested

Washington, Feb. 10.

Apee Hamp Chapman, wanted for murder in Cleveland and one of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's 10 most wanted fugitives, was seized today in nearby Silver Springs, Maryland.

Chapman was placed on the FBI fugitive list only seven days ago. FBI agents arrested him on a tip from a Washington greeter who recognised his picture in the local edition of the Afro-American.

Chapman, who shaved off a moustache to escape detection, is wanted for the fatal shooting of his wife and another woman and the wounding of two other persons at a Cleveland party in February 1953.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

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Time Signal and Programme Summary: 9.05. Jazzy Light Hour presented by Robin Day (Radio); 9.55. Entertainment Hour (Radio); 10.00. Weather Report; 10.05. Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 10.10. News (London Relay); 10.15. Special Announcement; 10.20. Much About Nothing; 10.25. Suite (Gramercy); 10.30. State of the USSR, cond. by Alexander Baklanoff; 10.35. Down Memory Lane (presented by Allen Weston (Radio)); 10.40. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 10.45. Radio from Hawaii (Radio); 10.50. Dick Murray and Jimmy Edwards (HKT); 10.55. Time Signal; 11.00. Review of the Week (Radio); 11.05. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 11.10. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 11.15. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 11.20. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 11.25. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 11.30. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 11.35. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 11.40. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 11.45. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 11.50. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 11.55. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)); 12.00. The World's Top Ten (presented by Bernard Hodes (Radio)).